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3 face charges in school fracas

Cotter: Lakeshore fight concerned cliques, not color

By JIM DALGLEISH
Assistant Local News Editor

STEVENSVILLE — The April 24 fight in the Lakeshore High School student lounge had more to do with teenage cliques than race, Berrien County Prosecutor Arthur Cotter said Saturday.

Cotter confirmed he is seeking misdemeanor juvenile court petitions against three black girls, who are accused of attacking a white girl.

"It was over something really stupid," he said. "I think this had something to do with cliques, not black and white."

Cotter said it's notable that both black and white students tried to calm the situation and intervened in the dispute, which began when someone threw a grape.

Cotter said he reviewed two student-made video recordings of the incident, the school's surveillance video and Lincoln Township police reports.

Cotter, reached at home, said the grape landed on a table near a 15-year-old black girl.

Cotter said the girl became loud, demanding to know who threw the grape. He said she threatened a white girl.

Another 15-year-old black girl also became loud and threatening toward the white girl, Cotter said.

"The two of them were going crazy, screaming and yelling," he said.

He said the victim could be heard on the video saying, "I don't want to fight."

The white girl tried to walk away, Cotter said. And a boy in the room told the girls he threw the grape.

Cotter said the first girl attacked while other students tried to cool down the second girl and guided her from the room. However, she reentered moments later and joined in the attack Cotter said.

He said a third black girl, 16, also was involved. The attack was broken up by students and staff, he said.

Cotter said he will petition two of the girls to juvenile court for assault and battery and creating a disturbance. He said he will petition the third for assault and battery.

All the petitions are misdemeanors, Cotter said.

2012 GRAND FLORAL PARADE

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Sharonda Sutton (right), a junior at Benton Harbor High School, joins the Benton Harbor High School Tiger Marching Band, under the direction of James D. Jones, as it heads down Ship Street in St. Joseph on Saturday during the 2012 Grand Floral Parade. Thousands of people lined the 2½ mile parade route as more than 130 bands, floats, clowns and dignitaries made their way through St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

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ABOVE: The Eau Claire/ Sodus community float, with the theme "The Dairy Shop" received this year's Grand Floral Parade Sweepstakes Award.

RIGHT: Anna Abdelnour, president of the Blossomtime Festival, and Tim Jackson, a Berrien County sheriff's reserve officer and parade coordinator, make their rounds Saturday to make sure more than 130 units are in place and ready to go for the annual event. It was expected to be the largest Blossomtime Parade in the history of the event.

Hundreds of volunteers make Blossomtime procession purr

By JOHN MATUSZAK
H-P Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's 9:30 a.m. on the Saturday of the 2012 Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade, but the day started much earlier for Blossomtime Festival President Anna Abdelnour and parade coordinator Tim Richards.

The day will be particularly busy. With 136 scheduled units, it will be the largest parade in the festival's history. Last year's event had 118 units – compared to the second-ever parade in 1924, which had 30 floats and two bands.

"I don't sleep the night before," said Abdelnour, who has been awake since 1:30 a.m. "I'm like a kid at Christmas."

Abdelnour, Richards and others have been on the job since 6 a.m. for a meeting with parade officials to discuss last-minute cancellations and final instructions.

The day before, they learned that a scheduled fly-over by an A-10 Thunderbolt II to open the parade had been scratched due to military priorities, and a substitute could not be found.

A few floats that can't make it are marked off their lists.

The show must go on.

At 7:30 they are at a breakfast for more than 100 law enforcement officers who will help keep things moving and manage spectators.

From 9 to 11 a.m., they are "putting out fires," said Richards, a Blossomtime volunteer since 1996, who has coordinated the parade on the ground since 2000.

So far things are going pretty smoothly, though the weather is a bit cool and threatening rain, despite a forecast for sun and temperatures around 70.

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Race, religion collide in presidential campaign

By JESSE WASHINGTON and RACHEL ZOLL
AP National Writers

How unthinkable it was, not so long ago, that a presidential election would pit a candidate fathered by an African against another condemned as un-Christian.

Yet here it is: Barack Obama versus Mitt Romney, an African-American and a white Mormon, representatives of two groups and that have endured oppression to carve out a place in the United States.

How much progress has America made against bigotry? By November, we should have some idea.

Perhaps mindful of the lingering power of prejudice, both men soft-pedal their status as racial or religious pioneers. But these things "will be factors whether they're explicitly stated or not, because both Obama and Romney are minorities," said Nancy Wadsworth, co-editor of the anthology "Faith and Race in American Political Life."

Mormons are 1.7 percent of the U.S. population, according to the Pew Research Center. African-Americans are 12.6 percent

"Americans like to obsess about ways that people are different," said Wadsworth, a political science professor at the University of Denver. Voters of all types say that a candidate's race or religious beliefs should not be cause for bias, "but Americans are really conflicted about this, and they talk out of

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Borders cross on Cinco de Mayo

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In this photograph taken by AP Images for On The Border, a Mariachi band plays at On The Border's Cinco de Mayo Party on Saturday in Addison, Texas. The cover band La Freak played for an evening party.

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Obama plunges into campaign, tears into Romney

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

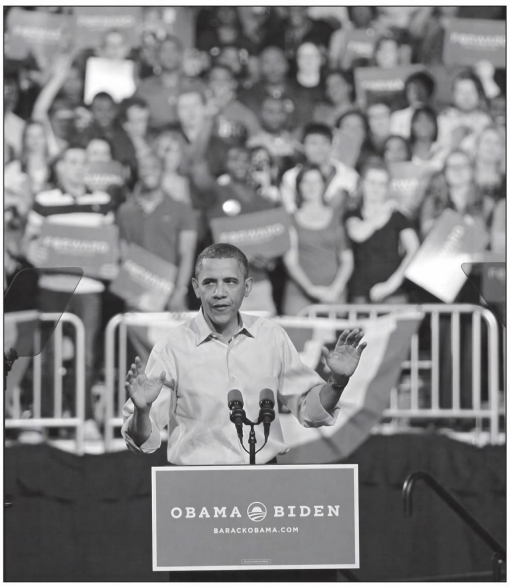
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Plunging into his campaign for a new term, President Barack Obama tore into Mitt Romney on Saturday as eager to "rubber stamp" a conservative Republican congressional agenda to cut taxes for the rich, reduce spending on education and Medicare and enhance power that big banks and insurers hold over consumers.

Romney and his "friends in Congress think the same bad ideas will lead to a different result, or they're just hoping you won't remember what happened the last time you tried it their way," the president told thousands of cheering partisans at what aides insisted was his first full-fledged political rally of the election year. Six months before Election Day, the polls point to a close race between Obama and Romney, with the economy the overriding issue as the nation struggles to recover from the worst recession since the 1930s.

Unemployment remains stubbornly high at 8.1 percent nationally, although it has receded slowly and unevenly since peaking several months into the president's term. The most recent dip was due to discouraged jobless giving up their search for work. Romney has staked his candidacy on his ability to create jobs, but Obama said his rival was merely doing the bidding of the conservative powerbrokers in Congress and has little understanding of the struggles of average Americans.

"Why else would he want to cut his own taxes while raising them for 18 million Americans," Obama said of his multimillionaire opponent.

While Romney has yet to flesh out a detailed economic program, he and Republicans in Congress want to extend all the tax cuts that are due to expire at year's end. Obama and most Democrats want to let taxes rise for upper-income earners.



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President Barack Obama speaks during a campaign rally at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio Saturday.

Afghan child bride's in-laws sentenced for torture

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The in-laws of a child bride who became the bruised and bloodied face of women's rights in Afghanistan have been sentenced to 10 years in prison for torture, abuse and human rights violations, a judge said Saturday.

The plight of 15-year-old Sahar Gul captivated the nation and set off a storm of international condemnation when it came to light in late December. Officials said her husband's family kept her in a basement for six months after her arranged marriage, ripping out her fingernails, breaking her fingers and torturing her with hot irons in an attempt to force her into prostitution.

She was rescued by police in northeastern Baghlan province after an uncle alerted authorities.

Gul's husband's father, mother and sister were each sentenced to 10 years in prison by a court in Kabul on Tuesday, presiding judge Sibghatullah Razi said.

Also found guilty were Gul's husband, a member of the Afghan army, and her brother-in-law, both of whom have been on the run since her case became public, Razi said. He said the men will be sentenced when they are captured.

Gul was present for the decision, telling the court that she wanted her in-laws "severely punished" for what they had put her through, Razi said. She has filed an appeal for a longer sentence with the help of the Women for Afghan Women, a group that works for women's rights in the country and has been caring for the teenager since her rescue.

"Of course we are not happy with the court's decision," said Huma Safi, program manager for the group.

Gul's case has prompted calls for more efforts to strengthen women's rights and end underage marriage. The legal marriage age in Afghanistan is 16, but the United Nations agency UN Women estimates that half of all girls are forced to marry under age 15.

There has been progress in women's rights since the 2001 U.S.-led campaign that toppled the Taliban regime, which banned girls' schools and prevented women from leaving the house unless accompanied by a male relative.

But ending abuse remains a huge challenge in Afghanistan's patriarchal society, where traditional practices include child marriage, giving girls away to settle debts or pay for their relatives' crimes and so-called honor killings in which women seen as disgracing their families are murdered by their relatives.

Gul, who had been married for seven months when she was found in late December, is still seeing doctors for some problems with her hands and fingers, but is doing better both physically and emotionally, Safi said. She said the girl is now very interested in studying, very different from when she first arrived.

She also has made great progress in her efforts to become comfortable around other people again, Safi said.

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15-year-old Sahar Gul speaks during an interview with the Associated Press, as she is seen on a bed at a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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AP surges as tool for raising standards

By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

Not long ago, Advanced Placement exams were mostly for top students looking to challenge themselves and get a head start on college credit. Not anymore.

In the next two weeks, 2 million students will take 3.7 million end-of-year AP exams — figures well over double those from a decade ago. With no national curriculum, AP has become the de facto gold standard for high school rigor. States and high schools are pushing AP classes and exams as a way to raise standards across the board, in some cases tying AP to bonuses. And the federal government is helping cover the exam fees.

Now, AP's rapid growth is reaching even schools serving some of the most disadvantaged students. These schools are embracing AP as a comprehensive toolkit for toughening coursework, emphasizing college preparation and instilling a "culture of excellence."

If math teacher Jaime Escalante could lead low-income Los Angeles students to AP calculus glory in the story that became the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver," why not others?

The problem is, there usually isn't a Hollywood ending. Last year, 18 percent of U.S. high school graduates passed at least one AP exam (by scoring 3 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5), up from 11 percent a decade ago.

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The community of Watervliet's float, with the theme, "The Muppet Show" received the President's Award.

China a St. Bernard, gets a front seat ride as part of the St. Bernard Rescue Team, Saturday.

The Caledonia Kitty Pipe Band, based in South Bend and directed by Alec Fisher, heads down Ship Street in St. Joseph.

A unicycle team and jugglers led by trainer DJ Johnson, out of Peru, Ind., entertains the crowds along Ship Street in St. Joseph.

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The Blossomtime Festival Royalty float carrying Miss Blossomtime, Dillan Smith from St. Joseph, first runner up, Cassondra Rudlaff from Berrien Springs, second runner up, Samantha Flory from Paw Paw, Miss Congeniality, Casey Merrill from Baroda, Mr. Blossomtime, Agape Mpamira from Buchanan, first runner up, Jordan Moore from Niles, second runner up, Stuart Coulston from Niles, and Mr. Nice Guy, Nathan Michael from Dowagiac, heads down Ship Street in St. Joseph on Saturday during the 2012 Grand Floral Parade.

The Lakeshore Lancer High School Marching Band works its way down Ship Street in downtown St. Joseph.

The St. Joseph High School Marching Bears, directed by Aaron Engleman, was among the high school and middle school bands participating Saturday.

Clay Jackson, the Maytag Man, acknowledges the crowds' cheers as the 2012 Grand Floral Parade passes through St. Joseph and into Benton Harbor Saturday.

Robert Rosenthal, from Scotts, Mich., also known as "Bobby Backward" works the St. Joseph crowds Saturday. Rosenthal has participated in the Grand Floral Parade for 34 consecutive

Parade award winners

The Blossomtime Festival announced award winners for Saturday's Grand Floral Award. They are:

Sweepstakes: Eau Claire/Sodus – For outstanding float concept and artistic merit of: theme, creativity, color, animation, beauty and floral display. President's Award: Watervliet – For outstanding float concept receiving second highest overall judging points.

Mayor's Award: Edwardsburg – For the float exhibiting excellence in presenting the festival theme.

Queen's Award: Buchanan – For the float exhibiting exceptional beauty and dramatic impact.

King's Award: Baroda – For the most outstanding tow unit; best concept of overall theme and creativity.

Twin Cities' Award: Berrien Springs – For the best display and floral craftsmanship of live flowers and blossoms.

Chairman's Award: Stevensville – For the most creative and impressive use of animation and movement – both live and mechanical.

Parade Committee's Award: St. Joseph – For the best presentation and use of color and color harmony.

Board of Director's Award: Coloma – For the float having the most outstanding costumed characters that add to the float presentation.

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out of both sides of their mouth."

In an October 2011 Associated Press-GfK poll, 21 percent of respondents said they would be less likely to cast a presidential vote for a Mormon. Four percent said they would be less likely to vote for a black person. An AP poll during the 2008 campaign found that nearly 40 percent of white Americans had at least a partly negative view of black people.

The gap between America's high-minded ideals and narrow-minded practice is not new.

In 1620, the Puritans landed on Plymouth Rock searching for religious freedom. The Constitution forbade a religious test for president. Still, the religion of presidential candidates historically has been a major issue, though nearly all have been Protestant.

Thomas Jefferson, who coined the phrase "separation between church and state," was decried as godless. Nearly 160 years later, John F. Kennedy was tarred as a Roman Catholic who would answer to the pope instead of the American people.

In 1787, the same colonists who had demanded equal rights in their dealings with England wrote a Constitution that reduced blacks to three-fifths of a person. Nearly 80 years would pass before that changed and another century before blacks would be assured the vote.

Obama remains the sole member of the most exclusive club in the world, racial minorities who were nominated for president by a major party.

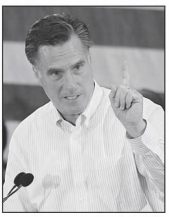
In 2012, it's unlikely that more than a smattering of die-hard bigots will be repelled by both presidential choices. But even well-intentioned people can be influenced by the powerful emotional pull of these issues.

Obama has been assailed by racially charged accusations since he became the first black president: Obama isn't a citizen; he refused to punish New Black Panthers who intimidated white voters; he's seeking payback for past white racism by redistributing tax money to poor minorities; he's using the Trayvon Martin killing for political gain.

Wes Anderson, a Republican consultant and pollster, said many white swing voters who chose Obama in 2008 think he has governed further to the left than they expected, which has fed ideas that Obama is a typical "black liberal politician" who is "pandering to minorities."

"From their perspective, I think race will be a convenient excuse for why he has not met their expectations," Anderson said.

Wadsworth said that even after three-plus years of a black president, racial bias remains "super-loaded and super-coded."



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President Barack Obama speaking in Boulder, Colo., and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney in Cape Canaveral, Fla. How unthinkable it was, not so long ago, that a presidential election would pit a candidate fathered by an African against another condemned as un-Christian. And yet, here it is: Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney, an African-American and a white Mormon, representatives of two groups and that have endured oppression to carve out a place in the United States. How much progress has America made against bigotry?

"It's coded into political 'otherness' — he's a socialist, he's dangerous, maybe a Muslim," she said. "I think down underneath there's a lot of race bias, it's just that they've figured out ways to channel that into seemingly race-neutral codes."

Then there's bald racism.

This April, bar owner Patrick Lanzo in Paulding County, Ga., posted a roadside sign outside his establishment that used the n-word to convey his disdain for the president. "I don't feel bad about (the sign) whatsoever," Lanzo told Fox 5 News in Atlanta.

Obviously, Obama's victory in 2008 did not put racial issues to rest. "He is never on stable ground, racially," Wadsworth observed.

Romney has tried to push past anti-Mormonism, with mixed success. His membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been an issue his entire political career.

In 2007, during his presidential primary battle against Arizona Sen. John McCain, he gave a speech to quiet concerns about his faith. "I do not define my candidacy by my religion. A person should not be elected because of his faith nor should he be rejected because of his faith," Romney said in the address, which used the word "Mormon" only once.

There continue to be blatant expressions of hostility toward Mormons. For example, there is an "I Hate Mormons" page on Facebook.

But J.B. Haws, a historian at Brigham Young University who researches public perception of the Mormon church, said most common suspicions about Mormons were rehashed in the 2008 election and this year's GOP primary, so moving forward the discussion is likely to be more substantive and informed.

"But that doesn't change the fact that the questions will still be tough and pointed," Haws said.

The Mormon church was founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith, who said God directed him to restore the true Christian church by revising parts of the Bible and adding the Book of Mormon as a sacred text. Smith said an angel directed him to a buried holy book in upstate New York, written on golden plates, which he translated from "reformed Egyptian" into the Book of Mormon. Theological differences have led many Christians to conclude that Mormons are not part of historic Christianity.

There's the issue of polygamy, though the Mormon church renounced the practice in 1890.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat, recently took the opportunity of a Daily Beast interview to say that Romney's father, George, was "born into (a) polygamy commune in Mexico." (Mitt Romney's grandfather, Gaskell, had one wife, but his great-grandfather, Miles Park Romney, had four and fled to Mexico in 1885 to escape U.S. anti-polygamy laws.)

One of the toughest questions probably will focus on the Mormons' former ban on men of African descent in the priesthood. When the church lifted the prohibition in 1978, leaders didn't explain the theology behind it. That left questions about church doctrine on race, even though Mormon leaders repeatedly denounce racism.

It's an issue that Mormons discuss among themselves. But when it's brought up in a campaign setting, many Mormons say it's just an attempt to embarrass Romney.

Several conservatives have recently predicted that liberals, rankled by Mormon opposition to gay marriage and emphasis on stay-at-home motherhood, would use religion to "smear" Romney. "It's way out of bounds, but that's what's going to happen," said a prominent Mormon, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

But liberals are not the only ones who are suspicious of the Mormons. Vice President Joe Biden told Esquire magazine that faith shouldn't be a factor in elections, so "that's why I'm so angry about the way they're treating Romney." By "they," Biden probably was focusing on evangelicals, who make up a big part of the GOP base.

PARADE

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"Sun by one," when the parade is set to step off, predicts Abdelnour, a Blossomtime volunteer for 20 years.

Abdelnour and Richards have to quickly meet leaders for the 27 floats, 19 marching bands and other participants, making sure they are in their assigned places and that all the rules are understood.

For a typical parade, the units would be spaced about 75 feet apart. But because it is so large this year, the spacing will be reduced to 50 feet to make sure the parade fits into the two-hour television time slot.

Staying within that broadcast window and keeping in touch with the TV crews are big challenges, said Richards, a reserve officer with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

"It's better to end a little early," so no community misses seeing its float on television, Richards says. "You definitely don't want to run long."

Those who will walk alongside the floats are asked to keep behind the units, so as not to block the view of spectators or the TV cameras.

"We want to see the kids, not the walkers," Abdelnour tells them.

De-marshaling the parade, which ends in Benton Harbor, is even more difficult than keeping it moving, Richards said. Streams of floats, musicians, fire trucks, antique cars, all have to be separated. Band members from all over the region need to find their bus rides home.

There are myriad details to be attended to as 1 p.m. grows nearer. One float needs the required fire extinguisher. The tow vehicle for another breaks down, and the float won't be able to appear in the parade.

Cars are late arriving at the dignitaries' lot. The kilted bagpipers are told they will be paid after the parade, not before.

Richards keeps notes written on his hand as he and Abdelnour motor around barricades and over curbs, hurriedly completing their appointed rounds.

"We're a good team. He's calm and I'm hyper," Abdelnour says of her partnership with Richards. This is the third parade they have overseen together.

Of course, the work has started months before the parade.

Abdelnour is also the Blossomtime Pageant coordinator. She took on parade duties after the 2009 death of Bob Braamse of Benton Harbor, who volunteered with Blossomtime for 52 years.

Richards said he learned "side by side from him. We're always asking ourselves 'Are we making Bob proud or not?'"

Joyce Vance, a Blossomtime volunteer for 20 years, took on the voluminous office duties after Braamse died.

Her work begins around October or November and becomes a daily 9-to-5 job in January, making sure all parade participants get their instructions.

Kathy Redding, the float chair for Baroda, said her team starting working on their entry in February. It includes a working fountain.

"No manicures" while the float, festooned with $2,000 in petal paper, is being hammered together, Redding says.

Jugglers warm up, mingling with Captain America and someone costumed as an ice cream cone. Bands begin to blare.

The weather, meanwhile, is not cooperating.

"Can you turn the heat up?" one volunteer jokes with Abdelnour. "At least it's not raining."

At 12:28 p.m. it starts raining.

As the rain falls, Richards and Abdelnour are shepherding Grand Marshal Clay Jackson, portraying the Maytag Repairman, to his TV interview, before returning to the parade's starting point at Main and Pearl.

Miss Blossomtime Dillan Smith of St. Joseph and her court are standing under umbrellas waiting for the procession to begin.

Members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team, which will lead off the parade, are cautioned that the street up ahead is wet and slippery.

Abdelnour, Richards and their army of volunteers have done just about everything they can to get more than a hundred entries and thousands of participants in place and ready to go.

"When you see the face of the mom who sees her kid on a float, that makes it all worthwhile," Abdelnour said.

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25 years ago

A proposal to build a National Guard Armory near Ridge Road in Stevensville was rejected by a 4-3 vote of the Stevensville Village Council. Councilman Charles "Bud" Kerlikowske, who donated 10 acres for an armory site to the state several years ago, said Sen. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), requested a council vote on the issue. Last year, the state Department of Military Affairs told the council a site in Stevensville was under consideration.

35 years ago

Four banks have applications filed for permission to establish branch banks at the projected Pipestone Mall in Benton Township, and a fifth is rumored ready to make an application. Mall developers, in April, indicated construction would start this fall.

50 years ago

Whirlpool scientists heard guest speaker Chan Thomas tumble a fistful of commonly held concepts in a talk, "The Day the Earth Tumbled." A world authority on cataclysmic geology and not one to draw lines between the sciences, Thomas spoke on movements of the earth's crust and resultant relocations of the earth's poles. The tumbling is made possible by a molten layer under the earth's crust. Each tumble which could have occurred in as little as one-half or one-quarter of a day, resulted in the fall of civilizations flourishing at the time, he said.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, May 6, the 127th day of 2012. There are 239 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis approved an act passed by the Confederate Congress recognizing that a state of war existed with the United States of America.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which called for barring Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for ten years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

In 1992, former Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev delivered a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., where Winston Churchill had spoken of the "Iron Curtain"; Gorbachev said the world was still divided, between North and South, rich and poor.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly Sunny	T-storms Likely	T-storms Likely	Mostly Sunny	Few Showers	Sunny
74°	55°	64° / 48°	61° / 46°	56° / 44°	59° / 45°

Local Outlook

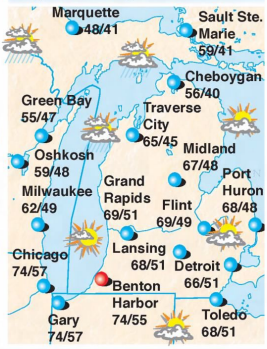
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 53%. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 55°. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 6:34 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 8:51 p.m.
Moonrise . . . . . 9:56 p.m.
Moonset . . . . . 6:44 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
5/12	5/20	5/28	6/4

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High . . . . . 71°
Low . . . . . 52°
Normal High . . . . . 64°
Normal Low . . . . . 43°
Record High . . . . . 88° in 1949
Record Low . . . . . 30° in 1971

Precipitation

Yesterday . . . . . 0.00"
Month to date . . . . . 1.30"
Normal month to date . . . . . 0.58"
Year to date . . . . . 8.76"
Normal year to date . . . . 10.78"

Air Quality

Yesterday 19
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Weather Trivia

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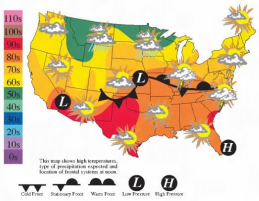
National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 6, 2012



Lake Michigan

East winds 10 to 20 kt today increasing to 15 to 25 kt. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 51 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers. Monday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies Monday with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

9/11 defendants ignore judge at Guantanamo hearing

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — They knelt in prayer, ignored the judge and wouldn't listen to Arabic translations as they confronted nearly 3,000 counts of murder. The self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and four co-defendants defiantly disrupted an arraignment that dragged into Saturday night in the opening act of the long-stalled effort to prosecute them in a military court.

It wasn't until more than seven hours into the hearing that prosecutors at the U.S. military base in Cuba began reading the charges against the men, including 2,976 counts of murder and terrorism in the 2001 attacks that sent hijacked jetliners into New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the admitted 9/11 architect, and the four men accused of aiding the 9/11 conspiracy put off their pleas until a later date. Lawyers were still discussing trial dates Saturday night; another hearing was set for June 12.

Earlier, Mohammed cast off his earphones providing Arabic translations of the proceeding and refused to answer Army Col. James Pohl's questions or acknowledge he understood them. All five men refused to participate in the hearing.

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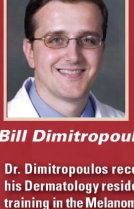

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Dr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. He completed his internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and his Dermatology residency in 1999 at Rush University Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri, in 2000. Dr. Brown is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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JOB-READY

Junior Maria Jimenez studies in her certified nursing assistant class at Coloma High School.

Coloma High School student Stephen Parrigin is learning to weld.

Photos by John Madill / H-P staff

... and then some

High schoolers take advantage of career-technical education

By MICHAEL ELIASOHN
H-P Correspondent

Kelsey Watts is a Coloma High School senior who plans to become an obstetrician.

But by the time she graduates from high school June 1, she will be ready to take the test to become a certified nursing assistant. Being a CNA will give her some advantages during the many years of training toward her goal to become a doctor.

In contrast, Ty Hess, a Coloma High School junior, is in the school's welding program and plans to continue with the program his senior year, along with machine tool classes, with the goal of becoming a professional welder.

Granted, he anticipates working for his father, Todd, who owns Die Hard Welding near Benton Harbor, but. "I didn't really get into it until my sophomore year (with his first welding class), and I decided I really like it."

Senior Jon Ingels is in his third year in the auto technology program. "Eventually I'd like to open my own shop doing repair and custom work." But before then, he plans to spend at least two years studying vehicle and auto body repair at Universal Technical Institute near Chicago, where he has been accepted.

Watts, DeRosa and Ingels are three of about 250 Coloma High School students enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) programs in Berrien County, and illustrate three pathways for such students – potential immediate employment after high school, further training in what they studied in high school or to help them for their eventual career.

The school team

Through a consortium of the 13 districts with high schools in Berrien County, plus Countryside Academy, Berrien students have a choice of 32 career and technical education programs in the categories of agriscience and natural resources; arts and communication; business, management and marketing technology; engineering, manufacturing & industrial technology; health sciences; and human services. The categories are the same in Van Buren County.

During the 2010-11 school year, 3,032 Berrien high school students were enrolled in CTE programs, which was 45.7 percent of total eligible enrollment, according to the annual CTE report from the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency.

Most were 11th and 12th graders, with the rest 10th graders. Statistics for the 2011-12 school year in all three counties aren't yet available yet.

In Van Buren County, where all 28 CTE programs are taught at the Van Buren Technology Center in Lawrence, 1,004 students were enrolled in 2011-12, out of a total of 2,430 students in grades 11-12, according to Scott Starkweather, Van Buren Intermediate School District CTE director.

Students in Cass County's four districts have various options for CTE, enrollment for which totaled 1,444 students in grades 9-12 in 2010-11, according to Mikki Spagnoli, Lewis Cass Intermediate School District CTE coordinator. That was 68 percent of total enrollment.

CTE programs in all counties are open to students attending public, private or parochial schools or home schools.

A leg up

Even for students intending to earn bachelor's degrees, said Cathy Haley, Coloma High School CTE director, completing a program gives them skills for at least an entry-level job should they not finish college. And it may give them an advantage in college.

Haley, who teaches the child care and cadet teacher programs at Coloma, said a former student of hers worked in an on-campus

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Students learn to do front-end alignments in the auto shop at Coloma High School. On left is Kavauscea Baker, and on the right is Jon Ingels.

Raising the bar

State standards put squeeze on CTE students

By MICHAEL ELIASOHN
H-P Correspondent

High school graduates who complete career and technical education programs presumably are better off than those who didn't.

CTE graduates have better job prospects, with better pay. If they plan to go to college to earn a degree, they may have a skill that can use in a part-time job paying more than the minimum wage. And if they don't complete college, they still have a job skill.

Sounds like a good deal, so why is enrollment in CTE programs declining?

Those who coordinate CTE programs say a major reason is the Michigan Merit Curriculum, which requires so many classes in order to graduate that students have fewer options for non-required course, such as CTE programs.

For instance, in Berrien County, the number of such students declined from 3,864 during the 2007-08 school year to 3,032 in 2010-11, according to a report from the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency. (2011-12 numbers aren't available) In Cass County, the number fell from 1,594 in 2009-10 to 1,444 in 2010-11, according to Mikki Spagnoli, Lewis Cass Intermediate School District CTE coordinator

She said in addition to Merit Curriculum requirements, another reason for the decline was Cassopolis High School going from two business teachers to one, so fewer classes were offered.

The Merit Curriculum was enacted by the Legislature with the goal of raising the standards for a public high school diploma and making those standards the same across the state.

Requirements started with students who graduated in 2011. To graduate now, students must complete four years of English and math, three years of science and social studies and one year of health/physical education and visual/performing/applied arts. Starting with students graduating in 2016, they also have to take two years of a foreign language.

Brian Pyles, CTE director for the Berrien RESA, said the Merit Curriculum limits students' choices. For instance, taking the required classes may not give them enough elective hours to take band and a CTE program, so it has to be one or the other. One variable is whether the high school has six or seven class periods each day.

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"People are making choices," he said.

Scott Starkweather, Van Buren Intermediate School District CTE director, said that if a student fails a mandated class, he or she has to take it again, which leaves less time for a CTE class.

"There is a very small

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3 selected as St. Joseph Distinguished Alumni

By H-P STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — A longtime St. Joseph pharmacist and former city commissioner and mayor, an expert on the world's water supply and the retired commanding general of the Army Corps of Engineers have been selected by the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation as the first recipients of its Distinguished Alumni Award.

William Gillespie, Verne Schneider and R.L. Van Antwerp will be honored at a reception prior to the St. Joseph High School commencement ceremony and during the ceremony Sunday, June 3.

Gillespie, class of 1942, is a lifelong St. Joseph resident and worked as a pharmacist from 1950 to 2009, and started at the shop started by his father as a boy. The business continues to operate after 107 years.

After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Army, participating in the Northern France campaign, the Ardennes campaign and with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

He graduated from The University of the Sciences in Philadelphia as a pharmacist in 1950.

He was appointed to the St. Joseph City Commission in 1974 where he served for seven terms, until 1993. He was mayor pro-tem for seven years and mayor for three years.

He continues to reside in St. Joseph with his wife, Trudy, to whom he has been married 60 years.

Together they raised four children who also graduated from St. Joseph High School.

Verne Schneider, class of 1959, is chief of U.S. Geological Survey International Water Resources in Reston, Va. He develops and manages programs involving water resources assessment and management issues in the Middle East, Africa, Central and South American and Asia in support of U.S. Government and United Nations agency programs.

He serves as the executive secretary of the U.S. National Committee for the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Hydrology Program; is a member of the World Meteorological Organization Commission for Hydrology; and serves as the USGS liaison for the International Atomic Energy Agency.

He is an advisor to the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, United States Agency for International Development and the Department of State Water teams.

He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Valparaiso University and a master's degree in civil engineering and a doctorate from Colorado State University. He has co-authored more than 40 publications and has received numerous awards and honors.

He and his wife, Donna, live in Reston, Va., and are the parents of two children.

R.L. Van Antwerp, class of 1968, is the chief of Infrastructure and Executive Development for the Flippen Group, a Texas-based leadership and organizational development company. He leads the infrastructure group that works with organizations to develop teams and acquire resources needed to rebuild roads, waterways, schools and utilities.

Van Antwerp retired from the Army after 39 years of service and most recently served as chief of engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds an masters of business administration from Long Island University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

He and his wife, Paula, live in North Carolina and are the parents of five children.

A foundation committee, headed by Bill Benner, selected the recipients.

This will be an annual award. Those wanting to nominate an individual for the 2013 award may obtain information from the foundation's website at www.stjosephpublicschools foundations.org or call Christine Waterhouse at 926-3252.

Cap 'n gown time

Stephanie Harrington (left) and her sister, Samantha Chubb (right) help their mother, Lisa Ketcham, with her cap before commencement ceremonies Saturday at Southwestern Michigan College. Harrington, 26, of Berrien Springs, earned an associate in applied science in medical assisting; sister, Samantha, 22, of Dowagiac, earned an associate in applied science in nursing; and mom, Lisa, 48, of Buchanan, earned her associate in applied science in medical assisting.
Photo by Ann Burch

STANDARDS

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margin of opportunity for kids," he said.

Ironically, because of the Merit Curriculum requirements, fewer Van Buren students now attend the Technology Center, which has created openings for out-of-county students, specifically students from Dowagiac and Marcellus in Cass County and Watervliet in Berrien.

HALEY

Starkweather said Technology Center enrollment this year totals 990, down about 60 over the last few years, of which 95 are from the three out-of-county districts, which pay tuition to Van Buren.

"We're lucky out-of-towners can attend, otherwise our numbers would be far lower," he said.

Educators are becoming innovative to comply with the Merit Curriculum requirements. For instance, CTE coordinators can fine tune the mathematics lessons to allow students to meet requirements, said Cathy Haley, Coloma High School CTE director.

Such a revamp is scheduled for the automotive technology program at Coloma.

In response to such concerns, state law may be changed. State Sen. John Proos, R-St. Joseph, is one of 11 sponsors of Senate Bill 997, which would allow seven credits required for graduation to be filled through academic or CTE courses, which could include work-based learning, such as an internship or apprenticeship.

The bill was introduced March 1. As of late April it was in the Senate Education Committee.

Crowd of costumed chihuahuas falls short of record

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hundreds of tiny dogs dressed up like tacos, ballerinas and a variety of other things fell short of setting a world record, but organizers say they're encouraged by the turnout for the inaugural Cinco de Mayo Chihuahua parade.

Organizer Mark Valentine says about 500 dogs, most of them Chihuahuas, showed up in costume for the parade Saturday. That's a few hundred short of the goal of 700, which would have been a record. Shortly after 11 a.m., owners of the Chihuahuas lifted their pets into the air, creating a sea of miniature heads draped in sombreros.

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Obituaries

Shirley Ann Teed

BENTON HARBOR — Shirley Ann Teed, 81, of Benton Harbor passed away Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph.

TEED

A Memorial Service of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at St. John Catholic Church, 600 Columbus, Benton Harbor, with the Very Rev. William Jacobs Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service.

Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Shirley was born in Benton Harbor on Nov. 25, 1930, to Harold and Ruby (Bowers) Gregg. She married Thomas Teed in Benton Harbor.

Shirley retired as a secretary from the Vocational Education Center for Benton Harbor Area Schools in 1991 after 22 years.

She was a lifetime member of the NEA. She and her husband enjoyed staying in Sandy Pines, Mich., in the summers and Florida in the winters.

They were avid motorcyclists and enjoyed bowling and golfing together. In Florida, Shirley volunteered for the Iron Man Triathalons and at Florida Community College.

She especially loved watching "Wheel of Fortune."

Shirley is survived by sons – Michael (Sherrie) Teed of Watervliet, Thomas (Loraine) Teed of Watervliet and Patrick (Melissa) Teed of Berrien Springs; daughters, Michele (Steve) Zanders of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kathleen Vafadari of Holland; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sisters – Norma Gillespie of Kissimmee, Fla., Donnalee (Dee) Jackson of Berrien Springs and Yvonne (Bruce) Dustin of Eau Claire.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas of 61 years, and two sisters, Billie Miller and Rose Krueger.

George W. Neumann

NAPLES, Fla. — George W. Neumann passed away peacefully at Frances Georgeson Hospice House in Naples on April 27, 2011. He was born to August and Emma Neumann on Sept. 13, 1927, in Benton Harbor. After growing up on the farm and attending school he served in the U.S. Navy, then married in 1949, making his home in St. Joseph.

He worked for Coca-Cola and Singer before venturing out on his own.

During his lifetime he started several businesses that took him from coast to coast, settling in Naples 30 years ago.

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He enjoyed boating and fishing, whether in Michigan or Florida.

His tender heart for animals was evident at the time of his passing. His faithful companions surrounded him at home until the last week of his life when he became gravely ill. He was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, William Neumann.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Linda (Wally) Bennett of Sodus and son, John Neumann of Minneapolis; grandchildren – Jennifer (Dr. Scott) Saxe of St. Michael, Minn., Cody (Lori) Bennett of St. Joseph, Ann (Brady) Behrens of Fridley, Minn., and Ellen (Matt) Thompson of St. Louis Park, Minn.; great-grandchildren – Ashley, Walter and Katherine Saxe and Lauren Bennett; sister, Elsie (Lowell) Jasper of St. Joseph; and several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held later this summer at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus.

Birth notices

Lakeland Community Hospital Niles

Berrien Springs – Girl, 5 pounds 14 ounces, Rachel and Andy Zimpleman, 7:31 p.m. April 29.

Lakeland Regional Medical Center St. Joseph

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds 13 ounces, Amanda and Kristopher Craig, 12:04 p.m. May 4.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds 5 ½ ounces, Denise and Ryan Dunleavy, 6:44 p.m. May 4.

Death notices

George W. Neumann, 83, of Naples, Fla., formerly of St. Joseph, died April 27, 2011, at Frances Georgeson Hospice House, Naples. Naples Funeral Home, (239) 775-4255.

Marilyn V. O'Bryant, 58, of St. Joseph died May 5 at her home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Shirley Ann Teed, 81, of Benton Harbor died May 5 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Patricia "Pat" Vandenberg, 83, of Holland died May 5 at her home. Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, 561-4601.

Needed: stronger science courses

By ANDREW LERSTEN
H-P South Haven Bureau

HARTFORD — Results from Hartford's recent ACT scores show the need to bolster the science curriculum at the high school, officials said this week.

Curriculum Director John Visser presented the test score results to the school board Thursday night. High school juniors took the ACT in March.

The mean test score in science was 18.9, down from 19 last year, Visser said.

But the better indicator of the need to boost science scores was the percentage of students who met or exceeded the state benchmark on the test, he said.

Last year 20.8 percent of the juniors taking the test met or exceeded the benchmark. But this year the number dropped to 12.5 percent, he said.

Overall, the students improved ACT scores in most areas from last year. The overall mean scores rose in English and math. They went down in reading and science.

Visser also noted that two students had scores of more than 30. A 36 is considered a perfect ACT score, he said. In other matters, during a discussion of board policies this week, district Superintendent Mike Hallgren announced a proposal to change the high school grading system starting in the fall.

Currently, students only receive letter grades of A, B, C, D or failing. The proposal is to add pluses and minuses to all of the grades, such as A minus or B plus. Hallgren said that would conform to the grading systems used by most colleges and universities. There was no board opposition noted, and action on the proposal will be considered at the next board meeting on May 17.

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In brief

Road construction maps available

LANSING — Southwest Michigan residents can get a free map of 2012 highway construction areas to help them plan traveling this spring and summer, state Sen. John Proos said.

The 2012 state highway construction map, called "Paving the Way," alerts drivers to major road and bridge projects throughout Michigan. Call Proos' office at (517) 373-6960 or email senjproos@senate.michigan.gov for a print map.

Residents can also request a free copy of a travel guide from Proos' office or download one at www.Michigan.org. Motorists can also get information about lane closures on state highways at www.michigan.gov/drive.

Kal-Haven bike fundraiser to aid trail

SOUTH HAVEN — Registration is underway for the May 12 Kal-Haven Trailblazer bicycle ride to support the trail, organizers said. Participants can choose how long their rides will be on the trail between Kalamazoo and South Haven. The routes are 25, 45, 70 and 100 miles.

All routes will be marked. A shuttle service will be provided for those riding a portion of the trail. Registration is required for the shuttle service. From 7 a.m. to noon May 12, bicyclists can register at the trail heads in Kalamazoo or South Haven, or at the historic train depot in Bloomingdale. For complete information, go to www.friendsofkalhaventrail.org.

Grant-writing seminar to support church

BENTON HARBOR — The New Testament of Faith Missionary Baptist Church will host a grant-writing workshop May 14, 15 and 16, which will raise funds for the church, the church pastor announced.

The Rev. Elijah Peals Jr. said anyone interesting in learning how to apply for grants from foundations, businesses and government agencies is invested.

The seminar is led by professional grant writer Jill Belcher-Corley. The fee is $60 for the first day and $100 for the three days, Peals said. Doors open each day at 5:30 p.m. for the three-hour sessions. The church is at 1662 Milton Ave.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Ted Hartzell at 429-1293 or 1-800-356-4262, ext. 293.

▶ COLOMA — Thursday's Local section story about Chief Jim Spiegel of North Berrien Fire Rescue incorrectly credited him with overseeing the merger that created department.

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preschool while earning her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University.

"She not only had a degree, she had experience when it came time to get a job," Haley said. The woman is now an elementary school teacher in the Chicago area.

Rosie Petro, who teaches the certified nursing assistant program at Coloma High School, said five of her six seniors plan to continue training to eventually become registered nurses.

The sixth is Watts.

Why first become a CNA, when her goal is to some day be an obstetrician delivering babies?

"This class (and her grades) is the reason I got into Western (Michigan University)," Watts said. And, while attending WMU, she plans to work as a CNA at a Kalamazoo hospital.

Petro, a registered nurse at Lakeland Community Hospital Watervliet, said some graduates work their entire careers as CNAs, in hospitals, nursing homes and other medical facilities.

It's far from a minimum wage job. Haley said graduates of Petro's program can make $11 to $13 an hour right out of high school and odds of finding a job are "extremely good."

Career answers

Coloma High School automotive technology instructor Ryan Ransom said about a third of his students plan careers fixing motor vehicles, while the rest "want to find out what they want to do in life."

He said he sees part of his job as helping students "find their niche." Ransom, in his 12th year teaching auto technology, said a few of his students have become engineers and others have told him they would not have completed high school "if it wasn't for this class."

At Coloma High School, students taking two years of auto technology can learn three of the eight areas required to become a fully certified mechanic – braking systems, suspension and steering and electrical/electronics.

Should they go to Southwestern Michigan College to learn the remaining five areas, they will start with 11 credit hours they earned in high school.

Many CTE programs offer the opportunity to earn community college credits.

Ransom said students certified in three or four areas can earn $20,000-25,000 annually after graduating. Fully certified auto technicians can earn $45,000 to $50,000, and at some dealerships, $60,000 to $70,000.

Chuck Luchies, Coloma welding and machine tool instructor, said demand for graduates of both programs is very strong. He said those entering apprenticeship programs can make $10 to $13 an hour, with the employer paying for their college classes, while graduates working in non-apprenticeship jobs can start at $13 to $15 an hour.

"I want students to come out of our programs with (training for) an entry-level job and the understanding they will need to go on for more education and go on for life-long learning in whatever field they are in," Haley said.

Haley, who has worked in the Coloma schools for 24 years, practices what she preaches. Her three children and son-in-law all completed CTE programs there, and she anticipates her three grandchildren living in the district also will.

Counties differ

Each Southwest Michigan county's intermediate school district has a different set-up for providing high school career and technical education.

Van Buren is the only one with a central location, its Technology Center having opened for the 1975-76 school year.

Because of demand, in addition to the Tech Center, the hospitality program is taught at South Haven and Mattawan high schools and two business programs are at South Haven.

In Berrien County, 11 of 13 school districts with high schools, plus Countryside Academy, offer at least one CTE program. The exceptions are Eau Claire and Watervliet.

All programs are open to students from other districts.

"We always hold a few slots open" for such students, Haley said.

Coloma High School has the most CTE programs, 10, but students go to the closest school that offers the program they want. They attend their home school for other classes.

For instance, construction trades is available at Benton Harbor and New Buffalo high schools, while automotive technology is at Brandywine, Buchanan, Niles, Lakeshore and Coloma.

Health-oriented career programs are at Benton Harbor (allied health and professional health career academy), Berrien Springs (emergency medical technician), Buchanan (sports medicine), Coloma (certified nursing assistant), Niles (allied health, pharmacy technician and PCHA) and St.Joseph (sports medicine).

CTE classes in Berrien range from one to three hours daily, and programs are one or two years.

In Cass County, according to Mikki Spagnoli, Lewis Cass Intermediate School District CTE coordinator, some Dowagiac and Marcellus students go to the Van Buren Technology Center. Some Edwardsburg students cross the state line to attend the Elkhart Area Career Center.

The districts operate some CTE programs on their own, open to all Cass high school students. Dowagiac and Edwardsburg offer accounting/finance, Dowagiac has automotive technology, and Cassopolis has agriscience.

And some 11th and 12th graders from all four districts attend career academies at Southwestern Michigan College near Dowagiac. Eleven programs are offered and students earn high school and college credit.

Funding

The Van Buren Technology Center is supported by a millage county residents approved prior to its opening. Originally 3 mills, the current levy is 2.449 mills, according to Starkweather.

As a result, the 11 Van Buren school districts don't have to use any of their local millage money or state aid to support career and technical education.

He said the savings to each district equals half of the state aid they receive for each full-time equivalent student, which means $3,423 per student they don't have to spend for CTE.

In addition to the millage, the Intermediate School District gets relatively small amounts of state "added cost" and federal funding specifically for CTE, Starkweather said.

Berrien does not have a CTE millage, which means all funding comes from districts' millage and state aid, plus state "added cost" funding and federal aid for CTE, said Brian Pyles, CTE director for the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency.

The funding situation is the same in Cass County, Spagnoli said.

Study ties fertility treatment, birth defect risk

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Test-tube babies have higher rates of birth defects, and doctors have long wondered: Is it because of certain fertility treatments or infertility itself? A large new study from Australia suggests both may play a role.

Compared to those conceived naturally, babies that resulted from simple IVF, or in vitro fertilization – mixing eggs and sperm in a lab dish – had no greater risk of birth defects once factors such as the mom's age and smoking were taken into account.

However, birth defects were more common if treatment included injecting a single sperm into an egg, which is done in many cases these days, especially if male infertility is involved. About 10 percent of babies born this way had birth defects versus 6 percent of those conceived naturally, the study found.

It could be that the extra jostling of egg and sperm does damage.

Or that other problems lurk in the genes of sperm so defective they must be forced to fertilize an egg.

"I don't want to scare people," because the vast majority of babies are born healthy, said the study's leader, Michael Davies of the University of Adelaide in Australia.

Couples could use simple IVF without sperm injection, freeze the embryos and implant only one or two at a time, he said. All of those can cut the chance of a birth defect.

The study was published online Saturday by the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at a fertility conference in Barcelona, Spain. Health agencies in Australia paid for the research. More than 3.7 million babies are born each year through assisted reproduction.

Methods include everything from drugs to coax the ovaries to make eggs to artificial insemination and IVF. Fertility treatments account for about 4 percent of births in Australia and as many as 8 percent of them in Denmark, where costs are widely covered, Davies said.

In the United States, more than 60,000 babies were born in 2009 from 146,000 IVF attempts. About three-quarters of them used ICSI, or intracytoplasmic sperm injection. ICSI was developed because of male infertility. But half the time, it was not done for that reason but to improve the odds that at least some embryos will be created from an IVF attempt. Many clinics do it in all cases. IVF costs around $10,000 to $12,000 per attempt and another $2,000 for sperm injection.

The study used records on nearly 303,000 babies conceived naturally and 6,163 conceived with help in Australia from 1986 through 2002, plus records on birth defects detected by age 5.

Researchers counted heart, spinal or urinary tract defects, limb abnormalities and problems such as cleft palate or lip, but not minor defects unless they needed treatment or were disfiguring.

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Students take home 'Best Project' award

BENTON HARBOR — Engineers with the Benton Harbor-based Wightman & Associates Inc. helped a team of Western Michigan University civil engineering students take home the "Best Project" award at the 50th Senior Engineering Design Conference recently in Kalamazoo.

WMU engineering students are required to complete a project that applies their classroom learning to the real world. The winning team, mentored by Wightman's Steve Carlisle and Oscar Loveless, developed a plan to replace the Sunset Lake Dam in Vicksburg. The engineering firm said in a news release that Carlisle and Loveless provided 50 hours of guidance, covering hydraulics, environmental considerations, area topography, constructability and other engineering concerns. They worked with the students to develop cost estimates and obtain permits.

Members of the winning team were Kevin Stack of Edwardsburg, Thomas Strazanac of Holland, Courtney Rousseau of Bay City and Hadi Nassar of Lebanon.

Rousseau, the team leader, said the Wightman & Associates engineers helped whenever the team needed them and "gave us a foundation for our futures as engineers."

Wightman & Associates has sponsored WMU senior design projects for the past four years.

Whirlpool to present at investor conferences

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. will reaffirm its full-year 2012 outlook when its chief financial officer participates in two investor conferences in May, the company said in a news release.

Larry Venturelli, executive vice president and CFO, will present at 11:45 a.m. May 16 at the J.P. Morgan Homebuilding and Building Products Conference and again May 17 at the Longbow Research Consumer Investor Conference.

The J.P. Morgan conference will be at The Waldorf-Astoria and the Longbow Research conference will be at the Millennium Broadway Hotel, both in New York City.

Whirlpool Corp.'s May 16 presentation will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed at http://jpmorgan.metameetings.com/webcasts/building12/directlink.php?ticker=WHR.

A copy of that presentation and the Longbow Research conference presentation will be available on Whirlpool's website at www.whirlpoolcorp.com, click on the "Investors" tab, then on "Events & Presentations."

The presentations will be archived for 30 days.

Weak growth feeds slowdown worries

By DON LEE
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The nation's long, hard ride to recovery went off track in the spring: Job growth slowed for the second straight month, raising fresh fears about the underlying strength of the economy.

In a disappointing development for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, employers added a modest 115,000 jobs in April, barely enough to keep up with the natural growth of the workforce. The unemployment rate inched down to 8.1 percent – not because more people got jobs but because more discouraged workers dropped out of the labor market.

"They've given up looking for work because they don't think there are jobs for them," said Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington. "That's a very bad sign."

Overall, the picture that emerges is of an economy that isn't tipping into recession but is expanding at such a frustratingly slow pace that it remains highly vulnerable to shocks. Among those shocks are high oil prices, the problems in debt-strained Europe and a slowdown in the Chinese economy.

The April jobs report, issued by the Labor Department, was eagerly anticipated by policymakers and analysts seeking clues about the economy's direction. Job growth in March had slowed sharply, after three winter months of gains averaging a solid 252,000 jobs. Some analysts were hoping the report would show that the nearly 3-year-old recovery might be heading into a new phase of more robust hiring and growth.

Instead, the report fed concerns that the economy, after showing some muscle in the winter, is now afflicted by a spring malaise, as has been the case for each of the last two years.

"The details of this report are disconcerting," said Patrick O'Keefe, economic research director at J.H. Cohn, an accounting and advisory firm in New Jersey. Apart from a rebound in retail and temporary-help jobs, almost all industries showed weaker hiring activity. Government payrolls fell back again. Workers' earnings hardly budged and employees' weekly hours of work were flat. "It's just an across-the-board deceleration," he said.

The report provoked strong reactions from investors and presidential candidates. Financial markets in the U.S. and Europe skidded, with the Dow Jones industrial average ending down

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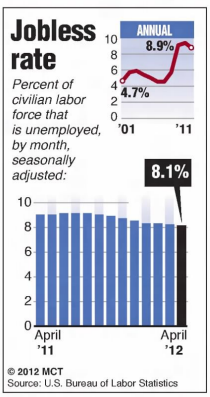

Dish says it is dropping AMC Networks

By JOE FLINT
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Dish Network subscribers who love AMC's "Breaking Bad" may be out of luck if a feud between the satellite broadcaster and the cable channel's parent AMC Networks isn't resolved soon.

Besides AMC, home to "The Walking Dead," "Breaking Bad" and "Mad Men," other channels that could be dropped include WE, which caters to females, and IFC and Sundance, which focus primarily on independent cinema. Dish's contract with AMC Networks Inc. is up at the end of June. Dish has more than 14 million subscribers around the country.

Dish Network Corp. said it is dropping the channels because the ratings for the networks do not justify a rate increase that it says AMC Networks is seeking. Dish also said it was not happy that shows such as "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad" are made available on other platforms such as Netflix and iTunes soon after the shows have aired on AMC.

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Joan Harris (Christina Hendricks), Roger Sterling (John Slattery), Lane Pryce (Jared Harris), Pete Campbell (Vincent Kartheiser), Don Draper (Jon Hamm), Bertram Cooper (Robert Morse), Peggy Olson (Elisabeth Moss) appear in a promotional photo for the show "Mad Men." "Mad Men" is one of the shows that would be affected if Dish chooses to drop AMC.

But AMC is not the only network whose content appears on other platforms soon after a cable run. Some shows may appear on Netflix or iTunes within days of a cable run. In other cases though, shows are held off of other platforms until after the season ends.

In a statement, AMC said Dish's plans to drop the channels has nothing to do with the performance of its networks or their cost, but instead with another legal battle the two companies are in.

New in Business

State Street Stuff sells the whimsical

ST. JOSEPH — Maybe no one really needs a sucker shaped like a mustache, an inflatable 4-foot diameter swimming pool float that looks like a doughnut, a smiley face golf ball or a pin-on button with the words, "I wish Morgan Freeman narrated my life."

But if someone wants such things, and a lot more, it probably can be found at State Street Stuff, which opened Tuesday. The store is at 314 State St. in downtown St. Joseph, between Forever Books and Beachside Appetite.

Owner Cindy Barinholtz was managing a candy and popcorn store in Evanston, Ill., until opening State Street Stuff. She and her family were living in Illinois when, "I discovered St. Joseph about 12 years ago on a road trip. I fell in love with it. I became a frequent visitor."

So, she continued, "When this storefront became available, I decided to jump off this cliff and open a retail store here."

She described what she sells as "whimsical, a novelty or guaranteed to make you laugh."

The candy department includes more than 35 different gummy candies, including blue and yellow St. Joe Bears, and more than 30 varieties of St. Joe's Heavenly Chocolates, made specifically for the store.

There's a plastic cake cutter that looks like a saw for cutting wood, Crime Scene Sandwich Bags, Mr. Bacon's Big Adventure board game, a stapler shaped like a dog, Elvis and I Love Lucy tote bags, novelty and unique jewelry, Bedol Water Clocks that run on water (no electric cord or batteries) and computer or iPhone speakers shaped like ducks.

Missed or miss the 1960s? There's tie-dyed "hippy clothes," Barinholtz said.

There's also imported fair trade (some Fair Trade Certified) items such as tams from Guatemala, zipper bags, wallets and foot bags (commonly called Hacky Sacks). ("Fair trade" means the workers who made the items aren't being exploited or working in sweat shops.)

Reflecting Barinholtz's sense of the absurd, State Street Stuff is open Monday through Saturday from 11:11 a.m.-9:09 p.m. and Sundays from noon-6. Those are summer hours. Hours may differ during fall, winter and spring.

The phone number is 408-8422. A website, www.statestreetstuff.com is under development.

Antiques businesses moves to Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — Doug Essig has moved his antiques business to 4383 Lake St. in Bridgman and renamed it Lake Street Antiques.

Essig started 2525 Antiques at 2525 Niles Ave. in St. Joseph last September, in partnership with the building owner, but that ended March 1. The former partner is continuing the business, which faces Van Brunt Avenue, under the name Shannon Antiques & Collectibles.

Lake Street Antiques, which opened April 27, sells items from the early 1800s to the 1970s. Merchandise includes furniture, toys, porcelain, crockery, teapots, jewelry, oil paintings, clocks, Indian artifacts, local historical items including from the House of David and old photos. The store further sells meteorites, rocks, crystals and gems.

Essig also has spaces, typically 10-by-20-feet, for rent to other sellers of antiques; sells items on consignment; and buys antiques.

Lake Street Antiques is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. The phone number is 266-7265. The store is next to Rideout Antiques.

Essig, 47, said he started collecting antiques in his early teens.

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California, U.S. to bank millions in taxes on Facebook IPO

By JESSICA GUYNN
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — California has a friend who's about to write a hefty personal check that could help ease the state budget crunch.

ZUCKERBERG

Mark Zuckerberg, the 27-year-old founder and chief executive of Facebook Inc., may have to pay the state $189 million in taxes after the Menlo Park, Calif., social networking company's initial public offering of stock in two weeks, according to calculations from PrivCo, which researches private companies. The IPO could value Facebook at $96 billion.

The federal government will be in the money too, collecting an estimated $714 million in federal income taxes from Zuckerberg.

PrivCo calculated the windfalls using the high end of Facebook's pricing range for its IPO of $35 a share. PrivCo expects Facebook to price its IPO as high as $40 a share, which would add tens of millions more to California and the federal government's coffers.

"The funds are badly needed as California continues to suffer from budget deficits and could not have come at a better time for the state," said Sam Hamadeh, PrivCo's founder and CEO.

And that's just the payout from Zuckerberg. The windfall for California from all of the insiders cashing in on the IPO could net the state hundreds of millions more, Hamadeh said.

"More taxes will come due as more shares are sold beginning in December and well into 2013 after the traditional 180-day post-IPO 'lock-up' period expires," he said. That's when employees can sell even more shares, resulting in new capital gains taxes to California – and the IRS – with each new stock sale.

Facebook executives tailed by camera crews met with the company's underwriters in New York on Friday to prepare for its investor road show, which begins Monday.

Facebook, which plans to list its stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol FB, will hold a series of meetings around the country with

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The necessity of having a will

Michelle Singletary

My brother Ross recently died of complications from lung cancer. He was 40.

Ross left a wonderful personal legacy. He was a good father, friend and coach. He was a dedicated educator who devoted his career to working with children with emotional, developmental and physical disabilities.

But like many Americans, my brother failed to take care of his financial affairs even after receiving the diagnosis that his cancer had progressed and he might not have long to live. He just wouldn't or couldn't follow through on advice to prepare a will. Tragically, he was a single parent who left no written instructions regarding guardianship for his 3-year-old son.

As shrewd as she was, even my grandmother, Big Mama, who raised me and was a great money manager, refused to prepare a will. She kept saying she didn't need one, that everyone knew her wishes. Well, most didn't and some who did ignored what Big Mama wanted. Upheaval followed her death, leaving broken relationships that have still not been mended after 17 years.

Death is hard enough to deal with, but toss in a family with unresolved issues along with no instructions from the deceased and you have discord at the very time you most need order.

I'm so weary from going to funerals – and I've been to way too many – where the deceased didn't take the steps needed to either eliminate or at least mitigate fights over his or her assets or to appoint a guardian for the children. I've witnessed the horrible fights that erupt when people die without updating their beneficiary information or even naming a beneficiary. Deserving survivors become wounded when they learn their loved one didn't have a will and, as a result, assets are distributed to spendthrift relatives.

Please, I'm begging you to get your financial affairs in order, especially if you have children or you are responsible for taking care of someone. Tomorrow isn't promised to any of us. I've heard many of the excuses, so allow me to address some of them:

▶ "I don't want to think about dying." That's what happened to my brother. He couldn't really face his illness. But death came anyway, and major decisions that needed to be made weren't. Is this what you want to leave behind – confusion? This isn't just about you. It's about the people you love and being responsible and courageous enough to make the hard decisions.

▶ "It's too much paperwork." There are a lot of essential documents that need to be assembled: a will, bank statements, insurance polices, retirement and pension information, guardianship instructions, advance medical directives, or perhaps powers of attorney. Yes, it's a pain pulling all these documents together. On the other hand, if something does happen to you, the last thing your family wants to do is have to dig through your clutter to piece together your financial life. If you can't find your paperwork, how will they? Set aside a day to prepare what's called a "letter of instruction," which is a master list detailing what financial documents you have and where you keep them.

▶ "It's too expensive." And chaos is cheap? Trust me, it's not. You can get a will drawn up inexpensively. You can go to nolo.com or legalzoom.com to get do-it-yourself wills done for less than $100. Or pay a few hundred dollars to a lawyer to prepare a will. If your estate is a bit more complicated, then please spend the money for an estate attorney.

▶ "I don't have much to fight over." A car could be left to a relative in need of transportation. The proceeds of a life insurance policy left to a responsible person who will at least pay for your funeral. Your children are worth planning for, aren't they? You may have been avoiding this selection because the pickings are slim for guardians or you can't imagine anyone raising your children like you would. No one really can. They won't be you. So find the next best you. You may select one relative to raise your child and another, better at handling money, to be responsible for managing the child's inheritance.

Having a will doesn't guarantee peaceful management of your estate. But without a will, decisions about your money, your belongings and your children will be left up to state law and the things you value the most could be given to someone you would have never chosen. Please don't assume people will do the right thing when they are grieving.

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Ask the Fool

Market Cap Basics

Q What does "market cap" refer to? — *H.G., Hackensack, N.J.*

A A company's market capitalization is kind of its price tag — it's the current value placed on the firm by investors in the stock market. Calculating it is simple. Just take the current stock price and multiply it by the number of shares outstanding. (Many online stock-quote providers list shares outstanding and often the market cap, too.)

Imagine Meteorite Insurance Inc. (ticker: HEDSUP). Let's say it has 20 million shares outstanding and trades around $30 per share. Multiply 20 million by $30, and you'll get a market cap of $600 million. That's the current market value of Meteorite Insurance. If you wanted to buy the whole company, you'd probably have to pay around $600 million — or more. (Buyouts generally occur above market prices, sometimes due to a company's debt obligations.)

Checking out the market cap of a company you're interested in can be enlightening. For example, if you're thinking of investing in online deal purveyor Groupon, note that its market cap was recently around $8 billion, much more than J.C. Penney, Sears Holdings, Netflix, H&R Block or Southwest Airlines. Does Groupon's value seem reasonable in comparison? It all depends on your assessment of its potential. (Southwest and Netflix are "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" recommendations.)

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Q How are "large-cap" or "small-cap" companies defined? — *M.L., Medford, Ore.*

A There's no universal definition, but here's one rough take: If a company's capitalization is $5 billion or higher, call it a large-cap; between $1 billion and $5 billion, a mid-cap; $250 million to $1 billion, a small-cap; and less than $250 million, a micro-cap. Walgreen and Alcoa are large-caps, while TiVo is a mid-cap.

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Of Bonds and Bond Funds

Though stocks have outperformed bonds over the long haul, investing in bonds for income sometimes makes good sense — such as when we're in or near retirement. But learn more before you invest.

Interest rates, which have recently been near record lows, are expected to eventually start rising. When that happens, your bonds may lose value.

There's an inverse relationship between bond prices and yields. If interest rates rise, the prices of existing bonds drop, and vice versa. Why? Well, imagine you have a bond yielding 4 percent. Then rates rise, and a similar new bond yields 4.5 percent. If you want to sell your now-less-attractive bond, you'll have to offer a discount to compensate for the lower yield.

This isn't a big deal for those who invest in individual bonds. As long as you hold the bonds until maturity, the issuer will return your entire principal (assuming the issuer is still in business).

However, if you invest in bond mutual funds, you may be in for a surprise. In 1994, for example, rising interest rates resulted in poor performance for the average bond fund. Still, bond funds do have advantages. They (1) offer diversification; (2) make the investment of small amounts — including the reinvestment of dividends — a snap; and (3) offer the potential for capital appreciation.

If you're truly after principal preservation, though, here are some thoughts:

- If you have the resources and know-how, consider individual bonds. It's easy to invest in Treasury securities, including the popular inflation-indexed I-Bond. Visit **treasurydirect.gov** to buy, commission-free. (Another good site is **bondsonline.com**.)
- Consider short- or intermediate-term bonds or bond funds. Long-term bonds are more volatile, and the extra yield you get may not be worth the risk. Treasury yields are paltry these days, though.
- Check out alternatives for short-term savings at **fool.com/savings** and elsewhere.
- Dividend-paying stocks are worth considering, too. They carry more risk, but often have much better yields.

Learn more at **fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm**.

My Dumbest Investment

Options and Rumors

My dumbest investment was believing B.S. from my brokerage and loading up on options for a networking company that was rumored to be a takeover target. The takeover did happen, but not before the options expired, worthless. Trading commodities was another dumb idea. — *George, Ottawa, Canada*

The Fool Responds: For starters, think twice before investing in a company simply because it may be an acquisition target. The buyout may never happen, after all. Still, many companies are deemed takeover targets because they have a lot of potential, perhaps due to their proprietary technology or the growth prospects for their offerings. It can be profitable to dig deeper into such targets to see how well you think they might grow on their own.

Be careful with options, too. There are very risky and less risky ways to use them. Remember that most options expire unexercised and worthless, largely because of their short life spans. A takeover target might indeed be acquired, but by investing in options instead of the actual stock, you need the takeover to happen within a certain short period.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Cashing Western Union

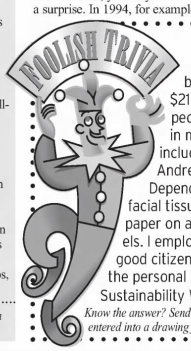
Consider Western Union (NYSE: WU). It has durable competitive advantages based on network, scale, brand and regulations. Increased global migration and a large percentage of the unbanked in emerging markets are creating significant demand for money transfers. The company meets this demand with convenient, flexible, cost-effective transfers.

Western Union's network of more than 485,000 agents in 200 countries is the largest in the industry. To put that in perspective globally, for every McDonald's restaurant, there are more than 15 Western Union vendors. Additionally, Western Union processes about four times the transactions of its closest competitor. The Western Union brand is the most recognized in the industry.

Meanwhile, the United Nations estimates that there are 214 million migrant workers across the globe, an increase of about 37 percent in two decades. These folks usually need to send money home. According to World Bank estimates, officially recorded remittance flows in 2010 totaled more than $440 billion worldwide. With a 20 percent market share of that, Western Union has significant room for growth.

Western Union can transfer $200 across the globe for a transaction fee of 3 percent to 6 percent. Compared to the alternatives, the fees are reasonable.

Best of all, the stock seems attractively priced, and sports a dividend yield near 2.2 percent.



Name That Company

Founded in 1872 in Wisconsin and based in Dallas now, I rake in nearly $21 billion annually. Almost a quarter of people on Earth use my products daily, in more than 175 nations. My brands include Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Viva, Andrex, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex, Poise, Depend and more. I created the first facial tissue. Scott was the first to put toilet paper on a roll and to introduce paper towels. I employ about 57,000 people globally. A good citizen, I recently spent five years atop the personal products category in Dow Jones' Sustainability World Index. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

More than 100 years old, I trace my roots back to the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. I was one of the first employers to provide group life insurance (in 1934) and paid vacations (1937). During World War II, I made bombsights, rifles and engine parts. In the 1940s, I introduced several large digital calculating machines, and in 1957, the computer language FORTRAN. I made early supermarket checkout stations, automatic teller machines and test-scoring machines for schools. I take in more than $100 billion annually, and have more than 400,000 employees and 500,000 shareholders. One of my oldest mottos is "THINK." Who am I? (Answer: IBM)

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Business website – a plus or a bust?

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Websites provide a simple and easily accessible source of information about your business's products and services. In fact, they are commonly the centerfold of many companies' marketing programs.

But image is certainly not everything when it comes to setting up and maintaining a successful website for your business. As consumers have become more comfortable with online shopping, their expectations about a website's informational value and functionality have increased as well. Small businesses that don't deliver higher levels of web sophistication risk being left behind.

A good starting point is avoiding errors that often doom websites to mediocrity. It's not a matter of making your site complicated. Today, the "less is more" axiom applies and often spells the difference between a website that delivers for your small business, and one that doesn't.

Don't neglect your site. If you want the Internet to help build your business, make your website a top priority in your daily operations. Make the updates immediately if your products, services, prices, location, hours, contact information and marketing messages change. Outdated information frustrates customers. Place your contact information in a prominent location. Many potential customers visit websites merely for basic contact details.

Flashing images, scrolling text and blinking buttons may have seemed clever and high-tech when first introduced, but now they are simply annoying. Dump them in favor of graphics that enhance your site's usability and professional image. Avoid the temptation of cute bells and whistles. Make a fast-loading site a top priority.

Don't assume the site is performing the way you want or expect it to. Usage and activity can help you make adjustments to meet your customers' needs and expectations. Sources such as WebTrends.com and SiteCatalyst.com offer simple, inexpensive tools for tracking activity and identifying areas in need of improvement.

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Easements can be canceled

Dear Bruce: When my husband bought his house, he bought it with two easements. One of the easements in the front of the house now has a road so that property can be accessed. The other is for the property behind the house, but the person who bought the land also bought land that connects to a road on the other side.

Bruce Williams

Can a person offer to buy back an easement or have it canceled? My husband did not understand what he got into until it was too late. He did not have a lawyer represent him when he bought the house and signed the papers. He bought the house from a lawyer who took care of all the paperwork. The lawyer passed away within a year after he bought it. What is my husband's option? — K.A., via email

Dear K.A.: I think what you mean is your husband was granting two easements, since properties next to his house were essentially landlocked. Properties have since been acquired that connect those adjacent homes to a public road. You want to know whether you can buy back the easements or have them canceled.

You also say your husband didn't have a lawyer represent him. Are we all getting a message here? Some contingencies should have been written into those easements that, should a public road become available, the easements would be extinguished.

I wouldn't worry too much about these easements unless you're really concerned that the other party is going to continue to use them, which may be inconvenient to you. They also may make the property more difficult to sell when the time comes.

If you are friendly with your neighbors and they see no reason to maintain the easements, they can be canceled with all parties agreeing. If not, then sit down with an attorney and find out what the laws in your state require about handling this.

Send questions to bruce@brucewilliams.com or to Smart Money, P.O. Box 7150, Hudson, FL 34674. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Money&Markets Extra

Apple: not all growth stumbled

Of Mutualtrend
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A mutual fund manager usually doesn't count on having a good year if the largest investment in the portfolio is surging. But that's not the case for Tony Trzcinka.

The largest holding in his Pax World Growth Fund is Apple Inc., and shares of the technology icon are up 42 percent. That's four times more than the broader market. Yet Trzcinka is being questioned about the fund's 12.5 percent return. Although that's a strong result just four months into the year, it trails more than 80 percent of the fund's large-cap growth stocks.

"It's related to one stock: Apple," says Trzcinka, whose strong long-term record has earned the fund a 4-star rating from Morningstar.

Stock of the world's most valuable company recently made up 2.5 percent of the fund's net assets in a broad and increasingly large position, but it's the fund's second and third-largest ones, Google and Qualcomm.

Apple shares are so valuable that they make up nearly 7 percent of a growth-stock index that Pax World Growth (PXWGX) uses as a benchmark. Trzcinka's fund need to nearly triple his stake in Apple to align with the index.

With its enormous weighting in the market and strong recent gains, Apple is having a huge impact on performances of large-cap growth funds. With a few exceptions, those owning a lot of Apple are beating a majority of their peers. Most large-growth funds that own relatively little Apple are lagging.

One example: Nearly 18 percent of the Matthew 25 fund (MXXVX) was recently invested in Apple, and the fund's 23 percent return this year is in the top 1 percent among large-cap growth funds.

Apple's importance to large-growth mutual funds has become so great that managers face a crucial question. For most, it's a matter of how much Apple to own, not whether to own it or not.

More than 84 percent of large-growth funds own Apple, according to a recent Morningstar analysis.

Even funds that normally wouldn't invest in a growth-oriented stock like Apple are getting in. Morningstar found that one of every five value-oriented funds owns Apple.

Yet there are large-growth fund managers like Trzcinka who continue to argue that Apple isn't necessarily a great investment. He says Apple has top products, but believes long-term prospects aren't as good as the stock's price implies.

"Its revenue projections assume that every new product introduction will be a hit," Trzcinka says.

He also says there seems to be little attention paid to the possibility of competition taking market share or cutting into margins.

The latter scenario is a key reason why Aziz Hamzaoglu-ulian hasn't bought any Apple stock in the two years he's run the Loomis Sayles Growth Fund (LGRRX). The stock's absence is one reason that the fund trails 90 percent of its large-growth peers this year, even with an 11.7 percent return.

Hamzaoglulian acknowledges Apple's strengths, but says it's not a good fit in a portfolio that he's managing for long-term results. He tends to hold stocks for several years.

Consumer products companies tend to attract more competition from companies making products for corporate or government clients, he notes. And he sees the competition heating up for Apple, which could erode its profit margin and market share. The iPhone already faces a threat from mobile phone companies that are promoting cheaper phones running Google's Android software.

Hamzaoglulian says it's worth remembering the difficulties that two of Apple's rivals have faced in recent years. In the past decade, Nokia and BlackBerry maker Research in Motion both had a sizeable share of the mobile device market and strong growth prospects.

The iPhone generates about half of Apple's profits, but Hamzaoglulian says that will be hard to maintain.

One reason the phones are such hot sellers in the U.S. is that mobile providers typically subsidize the cost, and make back their expenses through monthly service fees over the life of a customer's contract. It's a model that has worked for Apple and the providers that sell iPhones in the U.S. and some developed countries.

But Apple could have a tough time expanding into more populous emerging markets because prepaid mobile service plans are common there. Hamzaoglulian believes Apple will have less success selling its premium smartphones in developing countries where consumers live on more modest means. So he's comfortable being an Apple holdout, even if its hurt his fund's short-term results.

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AutoZone	AZO	266.25	399.10	389.43	-7.70	-1.9	▲	19.8	+37.44	24.1	19		
BP PLC	BP	33.82	48.34	40.96	-2.57	-5.9	▼	-4.2	-3.79	-5.2	5	4.7	
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ChemFinl	CHFC	14.56	24.32	21.75	-0.93	-4.1	▼	2.0	+14.52	-0.6	13	3.7	
CocaCola	KO	63.34	77.82	77.00	0.37	0.5	▲	10.0	+16.99	9.9	20	2.6	
Comcast	CMCSA	19.19	30.88	29.45	-0.83	-2.7	▼	24.2	+15.97	3.2	18	2.2	
Deere	DE	59.92	98.30	80.69	-2.20	-2.7	▼	4.3	+11.45	8.8	12	2.1	
Disney	DIS	28.19	44.50	42.93	-0.42	-1.0	▼	14.5	+3.11	5.5	16	1.4	
ExxonMbl	XOM	67.03	88.13	84.57	-1.51	-1.8	▼	-0.2	+1.93	2.9	10	2.7	
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Google	GOOG	473.02	670.25	596.97	-18.01	-2.9	▼	-7.6	+14.45	5.2	18		
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HuntBnk	HBAN	4.46	6.88	6.49	-0.24	-3.6	▲	18.2	-1.02	-18.0	12	2.5	
IDEX	IEX	29.29	47.37	42.31	-1.60	-3.6	▲	14.0	-4.72	4.8	17	1.9	
IntegrysE	TEG	42.76	55.15	53.60	-0.82	-1.5	▲	-1.1	+6.81	3.0	19	5.1	
IBM	IBM	147.13	210.82	204.99	1.92	0.9	▲	11.2	+21.90	16.0	15	1.7	
JPMorgCh	JPM	27.85	46.49	41.75	-1.59	-3.7	▼	25.6	-5.93	-2.8	9	2.9	
JohnJn	JNJ	59.08	68.05	64.74	-0.10	-0.2	▼	-1.3	+2.06	3.0	18	3.8	
JournalCm	JRN	2.69	5.72	4.03	-0.43	-9.6	▼	-8.4	-19.50	-19.1	...	...	
Lowes	LOW	18.07	32.29	31.09	-0.52	-1.6	▲	22.5	+22.86	1.7	22	1.8	
McDnlds	MCD	78.20	102.25	95.87	-1.51	-1.6	▼	4.4	+20.56	11.6	18	2.9	
Microsoft	MSFT	23.65	32.95	30.98	-1.00	-3.1	▼	19.3	+25.84	2.2	11	2.6	
MillerHer	MLHR	15.63	28.94	19.25	-0.92	-4.6	▼	4.3	-21.08	-9.9	14	0.5	
Penney	JCP	23.44	43.18	33.66	-3.06	-8.3	▼	4.2	-12.58	-14.0	21	2.4	
Perrigo	PRGO	75.89	108.60	102.64	-3.54	-3.3	▼	5.5	+18.36	40.0	27	0.3	
Pfizer	PFE	16.63	23.30	22.38	-0.70	-3.0	▲	3.4	+12.40	0.0	14	3.9	
ProctGam	PG	57.56	67.95	64.28	-0.16	-0.2	▼	-3.6	-.08	3.3	16	3.5	
RepubSvc	RSG	24.72	35.10	26.88	-0.13	-0.5	▼	-2.4	-12.79	1.4	14	3.3	
SearsHldgs	SHLD	28.89	86.72	55.31	0.98	1.8	▼	74.0	-25.83	-20.5	...	...	
Steelcse	SCS	5.40	11.94	8.33	-0.68	-7.5	▼	11.7	-20.80	-9.5	9	4.3	
Stryker	SYK	43.73	64.61	53.87	-0.69	-1.3	▼	8.4	-8.10	-3.0	15	1.6	
Target	TGT	45.28	58.95	55.65	-2.61	-4.5	▼	8.6	+15.45	0.1	13	2.2	
TractSupp	TSCO	49.02	101.20	96.48	-3.00	-3.0	▲	37.5	+67.13	31.4	29	0.8	
UPS B	UPS	60.74	81.79	77.73	-0.71	-0.9	▼	6.2	+7.56	4.2	20	2.9	
VerizonCm	VZ	32.28	40.84	40.26	-0.16	-0.4	▲	6.0	-12.79	4.1	17	5.0	
WalMart	WMT	48.31	62.83	58.70	-0.33	-0.6	▼	1.8	+8.71	6.0	13	2.7	
Walgrn	WAG	30.34	45.34	33.65	-2.02	-5.7	▲	1.8	-19.35	-4.1	11	2.7	
Wendys Co	WEN	4.29	5.62	4.81	-0.03	-0.6	▼	-10.3	+1.03	-20.5	\>99	1.7	
Whirlpl	WHR	45.22	88.00	61.77	-2.75	-4.3	▼	30.2	-23.99	-8.7	16	3.2	
Worthgtn	WOR	12.84	23.75	17.36	-0.63	-3.5	▼	6.0	-12.79	-2.5	11	2.8	
XPO Log rs	XPO	6.61	18.60	15.90	-0.95	-5.6	▲	28.7	+87.39	25.7	...	...	

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (far-left box) to bottom 20 percent (far-right box).

StorySTOCKS

Stocks fell Friday after the slowest job growth in six months raised worries about a weakening economic recovery. Employers added only 115,000 jobs during April, fewer than the 163,000 jobs that economists expected. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 168.32 points, or 1.3 percent, to 13,038.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 22.47, or 1.6 percent, to 1,369.10. The Nasdaq composite fell 67.96, or 2.2 percent, to 2,956.31.

Aon AON
Close: $48.39 ▼-2.96 or -5.8%
Due to higher costs and unfavorable currency exchange rates, the insurance brokerage firm's first-quarter net income fell 3 percent.
$55 / 50 / 45 / M A M
52-week range $39.68 $53.36
Vol.: 6.8m (3.0x avg.) PE: 16.9
Mkt. Cap: $15.7 b Yield: 1.3%

Dolby Labs. DLB
Close: $44.22 ▲6.59 or 17.5%
The company posted solid second-quarter results and said its digital audio encoding program will be in Microsoft's operating system.
$45 / 40 / 35 / M A M
52-week range $25.70 $51.28
Vol.: 5.9m (8.4x avg.) PE: 16.6
Mkt. Cap: $2.27 b Yield: ...

Fluor FLR
Close: $56.93 ▲0.39 or 0.7%
The engineering company said its first-quarter profit rose 10.9 percent as it saw strong growth serving oil and gas companies.
$65 / 60 / 55 / M A M
52-week range $44.16 $73.18
Vol.: 4.2m (2.5x avg.) PE: 16.8
Mkt. Cap: $9.65 b Yield: 1.1%

Warnaco Grp. WRC
Close: $47.94 ▼-3.19 or -6.2%
The clothing maker lowered its 2012 forecast and said that its first-quarter net income fell, hurt by the weak European economy.
$70 / 60 / 50 / 40 / M A M
52-week range $40.08 $63.19
Vol.: 4.8m (6.9x avg.) PE: 15.9
Mkt. Cap: $1.98 b Yield: ...
SOURCE: Sungard

Einstein Noah BAGL
Close: $16.71 ▲2.67 or 19.0%
The owner of bagel chain Noah's Bagels said it is considering strategic alternatives, including a possible sale of the company.
$18 / 15 / 12 / 9 / M A M
52-week range $11.48 $17.59
Vol.: 467.5k (11.4x avg.) PE: 21.4
Mkt. Cap: $282.05 m Yield: 3.0%

GeoEye GEOY
Close: $24.83 ▲0.80 or 3.3%
The operator of imaging satellites launched a hostile takeover bid for rival DigitalGlobe, offering the company $792 million.
$30 / 25 / 20 / 15 / M A M
52-week range $17.98 $42.31
Vol.: 855.8k (2.6x avg.) PE: 12.1
Mkt. Cap: $565.01 m Yield: ...
AP

Company Spotlight

Caribou Coffee loses froth

Caribou Coffee offered a less-frothy outlook for 2012 and the stock slumped Thursday after the announcement.

Through Friday's close, shares had tumbled 35 percent since hitting a 52-week high of $18.84 on April 2, but they remained above the $9 range where they were trading last May.

Caribou operates nearly 600 coffee-houses but also sells coffee in single-serving portions at food stores.

CEO Michael Tattersfield said the single-cup business was still growing, but is likely to slow in the remainder of 2012.

The company now expects 2012 revenue 6 percent to 8 percent higher than its 2011 sales. It earlier forecast a 10 percent increase. For earnings, it now expects 47 cents to 50 cents per share for the year, a penny less than it earlier forecast. Analysts were expecting 56 cents per share.

CARIBOU COFFEE (CBOU) Friday's close: $12.10 52-WEEK RANGE $9.03 $18.84
Price-earnings ratio (Based on past 12 months' results): 19
Total return this year: 0.3% 3-YR*: 46% 5-YR*: 15% Market value: $243 million
AP *annualized Total returns through May 3 SOURCES: Morningstar; FactSet

MutualFunds

MutualFundCategories

		VALUE	BLEND	GROWTH
LARGE-CAP	YTD	5.7 LV	9.9 LB	14.3 LG
	1YR	-1.7	5.7	10.2
	3YR	14.2	16.3	19.3
	5YR	-3.8	1.9	2.8
MID-CAP	YTD	8.1 MV	11.0 MB	11.6 MG
	1YR	-2.9	3.1	-0.8
	3YR	18.4	22.5	20.8
	5YR	-0.8	2.5	2.5
SMALL-CAP	YTD	8.0 SV	9.2 SB	8.6 SG
	1YR	0.0	-4.4	-8.3
	3YR	21.4	19.2	20.3
	5YR	2.2	0.9	2.8

MorningstarOwnership Zone™
Vertical axis represents average credit quality; horizontal axis represents interest-rate sensitivity

	LIMITED	MODERATE	EXTENSIVE
HIGH			
MEDIUM			
LOW			

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TOP 5 HOLDINGS

	PCT
US Treasury Note 1.375%	6.1
US Treasury Note 2.125%	3.84
US Treasury Bond 4.5%	3.83
US Treasury Note 1.875%	3.33
US Treasury Note 3.125%	0.91

FundFocus

This intermediate-term bond fund has averaged returns of 6 percent per year over the latest 10-year period. That's better than about 80 percent of its peers. Expenses are below-average.

CATEGORY	Intermediate-Term Bond
MORNINGSTAR RATING™	★★★☆☆
ASSETS	$1,007 million
EXP RATIO	0.81%
MANAGER	Jeffrey Wakelin
SINCE	2005-12-31
RETURNS 3-MO	+1.6
YTD	+2.8
1-YR	+6.4
3-YR ANNL	+11.0
5-YR ANNL	+6.5

SPECIALTY FUNDS

	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR
Conservative Allocation (CA)	4.72	2.38	11.25	3.02
Moderate Allocation (MA)	6.49	0.81	12.60	1.53
Health (SH)	10.62	4.15	18.60	3.99
Natural Resources (SN)	0.81	-16.33	10.35	-0.65
Real Estate (SR)	13.11	10.17	29.56	-0.15
Technology (ST)	13.99	-1.37	18.64	4.07

BALANCED

Target-Date 2000-2010 (TA)	4.94	1.03	11.49	1.59
Target-Date 2011-2015 (TD)	5.52	0.09	12.31	0.64
Target-Date 2016-2020 (TE)	6.08	0.76	12.91	0.62

INTERNATIONAL

Divers. Emerging Mkt. (EM)	10.49	-12.21	14.66	0.41
Europe Stock (ES)	9.01	-15.72	11.54	-5.91
Foreign Small/Mid Val (FA)	11.50	-13.98	16.05	-3.71
Foreign Large Blend (FB)	7.67	-13.17	9.84	-4.81
Foreign Large Growth (FG)	9.73	-9.20	13.40	-2.28
Foreign Small/Mid Gr. (FR)	12.41	-9.42	18.41	-2.22
Foreign Large Value (FV)	4.97	-15.46	8.31	-6.18
World Allocation (IH)	5.15	-3.28	11.62	1.68
World Stock (WS)	8.18	-6.75	13.58	-2.02

BOND FUNDS

Interm-Term Bond (CI)	2.91	6.21	9.46	5.81
Interm. Government (GI)	1.26	6.25	5.65	5.67
High Yield Muni (HM)	6.93	16.49	12.80	2.54
High Yield Bond (HY)	6.73	4.27	17.20	5.63
Muni National Interm (MI)	2.68	9.01	6.58	4.85
Muni National Long (ML)	4.65	13.24	8.39	4.47
Muni Short (MS)	0.94	3.20	2.93	2.95

Oakmark MultiCapGrA m54.42 -2.00 +0.5
Eqincd 28.62 -.55 +0.7
Intl I 17.96 -.39 +3.2
Oakmark I 46.56 -1.23 +4.4
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GlbSmMdCp 14.83 -.34 -5.8
LgCpStr 9.54 -.29 +4.6
RealRet 9.29 -.15 -14.7
Oppenheimer
DevMktY 32.46 -.59 +7.4
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IntlGrY 26.15 -.82 -6.2
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UltilyA m 11.15 -.11 +5.8
Putnam
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GrowIncA m 13.84 -.41 -2.9
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Premierinv 19.73 -.81 -4.3
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Schwab
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Intermd d 30.68 -.86 -10.4
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Amercpn D 42.90 -.65 -1.1
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Virtus
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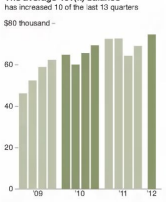
MarketPulse

BUILDING HIGHER
Workers are eager for progress in building up their 401(k) accounts, and they got it last quarter. The average balance in Fidelity Investments' 401(k) accounts increased 8 percent to $74,600 at the end of March, thanks to a surging stock market. Fidelity, the largest 401(k) administrator, attributed 80 percent of the increase to investment performance.

The rest came from increased savings by workers and matching contributions from employers. The growth comes as a relief after the average 401(k) balance remained largely unchanged in 2011, ending the year at $69,100. Still, that's a lot better than March 2009, when the market hit bottom. The average balance then was $46,200.

The average 401(k) balance
has increased 10 of the last 13 quarters



Source: Fidelity

WARMTH BUT NO COMFORT
The warm winter was a boon for construction companies and retailers. But it's been tough on investors of Vail Resorts. That's because snow equals profits for the ski industry, and snowfall at Vail's six resorts is down 50 percent from a year ago.

Still, most financial analysts like the stock. Fewer skiers came to resorts because of the low snowfall, but those that did come spent more on ski school than a year ago. The weak winter also means there's a "pent-up" demand for skiing, analysts say: Once snows return, so will skiers and profits.

NO DEAL
Researchers have found still more evidence that acquisitions are bad for the buyer's shareholders. Economists from the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Amsterdam looked at all U.S. mergers from 1985 to 2009 where at least two bidders vied for the same target. They looked at how the stock performance of the "winners" who bought the target and the "losers" who missed out.

In the three years following the deal, the "losers" perform much better than the "winners." The reason may be that the "winners" tend to take on debt as part of the deals, which can make them look like riskier investments.

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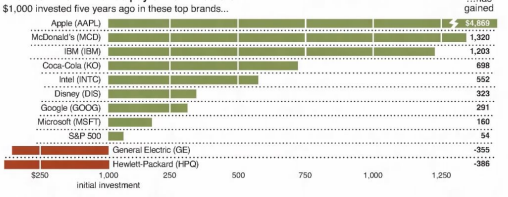
And the winner is...

Spectators at this weekend's Kentucky Derby will be focusing on their bets and not their portfolios. But in the investment horserace, they may want to play the odds held by companies with the best-known brands. Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ, found that eight of the 10 companies ranked as having the best global brands by the consulting firm Interbrand, generally produce greater returns than the Standard & Poor's 500 index. He examined the stocks over periods extending back three, five and 12 years. Only General Electric and Hewlett-Packard trailed the market during each period. And Apple lapped the field multiple times.

The best-known brands pay off for investors
$1,000 invested five years ago in these top brands...



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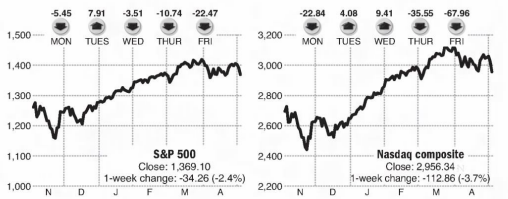

WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
13338.66	10404.49	Dow Jones industrial average	13338.66	13022.34	13038.27	-190.04	-1.4	▼	▲	+6.7	((*&^%$#186 +3.2
5627.85	3950.66	Dow Jones transportation	5361.06	5212.85	5227.64	-39.75	-0.8	▼	▼	+4.1	((%$#8761 -4.5
473.97	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	473.97	466.48	467.88	-1.58	-0.3	▲	▲	+0.7	((*&^%$#19865431 +8.9
8718.25	6414.89	NYSE Comp.	8211.65	7921.00	7933.30	-218.61	-2.7	▼	▼	+6.1	(*&^%#@963211 -5.9
5830.66	4082.30	NYSE International	4872.62	4681.09	4689.59	-168.98	-3.5	▼	▼	+2.6	998765431l -15.3
2795.35	2034.92	Nasdaq 100	2756.81	2637.73	2637.92	-103.42	-3.8	▼	▲	+15.6	(*&^%$#1995321 +10.7
3134.17	2298.89	Nasdaq Comp.	3085.40	2956.34	2956.34	-112.86	-3.7	▼	▲	+13.5	((*&^%$#187631 +4.6
1422.38	1074.77	S&P 500	1415.32	1367.96	1369.10	-34.26	-2.4	▼	▲	+8.9	((*&^%$#178432 +2.2
1018.65	731.62	S&P MidCapS&P MidCap	1006.14	962.29	965.30	-34.10	-3.4	▼	▼	+9.8	((*#17654l -2.4
14951.57	11208.42	Wilshire 5000	14875.01	14352.01	14366.49	-389.47	-2.6	▼	▲	+8.9	((*&^%$#165321 +1.1
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	830.10	791.26	791.84	-33.63	-4.1	▼	▼	+6.9	((@!8765421 -5.0
285.18	209.26	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	260.88	252.44	253.00	-6.12	-2.4	▼	▼	+3.5	(9876541l -10.1
6103.73	4791.01	FTSE 100	5819.93	5639.79	5655.06	-122.05	-2.1	▼	▼	+1.5	(*&^$#@194321 -5.4

TheMainEvent For the week of May 7

Priceline.com has been one of the best stocks in the market because its earnings keep beating expectations. The online travel company will get its next opportunity to do so on Wednesday.

Financial analysts expect through its Booking.com site in Europe and its Agoda brand in Asia.

Credit Suisse estimates Booking.com users could make reservations at about 215,000 hotels at the end of the first quarter, 59 percent more than a year earlier.

Priceline.com has made a habit of beating analysts' earnings expectations. Last quarter, it reported earnings of $5.37 per share when analysts expected $5.05. The quarter before that, it reported earnings of $9.95, when analysts expected $9.28.

The strong run of better-than-expected profit growth has made the online travel company the fifth best stock in the S&P 500 this year, up more than 55 percent. Over the last five years, it's up a sky-high 1,200 percent.

Flying high

Priceline.com to report a 48 percent jump in its first-quarter earnings per share. That's more than seven times what they're expecting from S&P 500 companies in total.

The global economy has been weak, but more customers have been using Priceline.com's sites to book flight, hotel and car reservations. It's getting particularly strong growth from overseas hotels

Priceline.com performance vs. the S&P 500

Priceline.com net income

Much-loved small-cap stocks StockScreener

Stocks of small companies can be riskier to own than large caps, but they can also provide greater rewards.

Consider Triumph Group (TGI), which makes and repairs airplane components and structures. A surge in orders for new, more fuel-efficient airplanes and an acquisition helped its net income jump 87 percent last fiscal year to $281 million. Its stock rose 53 percent in the 12 months through Thursday.

That's much better than the 3 percent gain for the S&P 500 index of large-cap stocks. But not all small stocks did so well: The Russell 2000 index of small caps fell 3 percent over the same time. That's because small-caps tend to fall more than other stocks during down markets, such as last summer.

This screen from Credit Suisse shows small-cap stocks about which mutual fund managers are bullish. Strategist Lori Calvasina looked for the stocks that appear most often in small-cap mutual funds' list of holdings. Triumph Group is tied for most popular: It's owned by 116 small-cap funds.

COMPANY	NO. OF SMALL-CAP FUNDS THAT OWN STOCK	CLOSE	52-WEEK LOW	52-WEEK HIGH	1-YR. STOCK CHANGE	P/E RATIO LAST 12 MONTHS
Hexcel (HXL)	116	$27.43	$18.00	$28.01	32.3%	19
Triumph Group (TGI)	116	63.41	42.43	66.89	53.4	12
Rosetta Resources (ROSE)	103	48.87	30.42	58.04	14.0	25
SVB Financial Group (SIVB)	103	64.15	33.15	67.49	7.2	16
Robbins & Myers (RBN)	102	49.94	31.54	55.63	19.1	12
Portland General Electric (POR)	100	25.60	21.29	26.05	1.7	13
Finish Line (FINL)	99	22.93	16.42	26.16	7.8	15
Gulfport Energy (GPOR)	99	26.38	18.72	37.80	-13.5	12
Salix Pharmaceuticals (SLXP)	99	49.94	25.64	53.99	28.0	35
Cubist Pharmaceuticals (CBST)	98	42.61	28.82	44.95	23.9	82
HMS Holdings (HMSY)	98	24.38	19.78	34.98	-4.7	47
Par Pharmaceutical (PRX)	98	42.58	24.85	42.80	27.4	n/a

Data through May 2 Sources: Credit Suisse; FactSet

Mortgage rates fall to record again

InterestRates

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell last week to a new record of 3.84 percent from 3.87 percent. Mortgage rates typically follow Treasury yields, and they have been mostly sinking since early 2011 on worries about Europe's debt problems and a stalling economy. The yield on the 10-year Treasury is below 1.9 percent, down from 5 percent during the summer of 2007.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
FRIDAY	3.25	.13
6 MOS AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
Selected Daily Govt Funds/Cl D	0.20	$ 10,000 min	(800) 243-1575
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
Vanguard CH Tax-Exempt MMF	0.12	$ 3,000 min	(800) 662-7447

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.07	-0.02	▼	▲	-0.81	2.91	2.05
Triple-A corporate Moody's	3.95	-0.02	▼	▲	-1.05	5.16	3.72
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	3.28	-0.03	▼	▼	-0.51	4.03	3.27
Municipal Bond Buyer	4.50	-0.02	▼	▼	-0.97	5.56	4.50
U.S. high yield Barclays	6.96	-0.21	▼	▼	0.25	10.15	6.61
Treasury Barclays	1.03	0.00	▼	▲	-1.04	2.14	0.93

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.07	-0.01	—	▼	0.07	0.12	
1-year T-Bill	0.20	0.01	▼	▲	0.02	0.25	0.07
6-month T-Bill	0.13	0.00	—	▲	0.08	0.15	0.01
2-year T-Note	0.26	0.00	▼	▲	-0.30	0.59	0.16
5-year T-Note	0.79	-0.04	▼	▲	-1.10	1.96	0.71
10-year T-Note	1.88	-0.06	▼	▼	-1.28	3.28	1.72
30-year T-Bond	3.07	-0.05	▼	▼	-1.21	4.40	2.72

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar rose against the euro after a weaker-than-expected report on U.S. job growth sent investors toward investments that are considered safer. The yen rose against the dollar.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.6147	-.0034	-.21%	1.6040	1.6517
Canadian Dollar	.9956	+.0069	+.69%	1.0173	.9577
USD per Euro	1.3089	-.0062	-.47%	1.3778	1.4849
Japanese Yen	79.87	-.42	-.53%	78.16	80.58
Mexican Peso	13.1634	+.1665	+1.26%	13.4591	11.6149
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.7959	+.0164	+.43%	3.6672	3.3941
Norwegian Krone	5.7970	+.0476	+.82%	5.6207	5.3155
South African Rand	7.8092	+.0776	+.99%	7.8987	6.6565
Swedish Krona	6.8182	+.0635	+.93%	6.5854	6.0864
Swiss Franc	.9177	+.0042	+.46%	.8859	.8600
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	.9816	+.0065	+.66%	.9619	.9298
Chinese Yuan	6.2983	+.0065	+.10%	6.3420	6.4960
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7611	+.0020	+.03%	7.7668	7.7688
Indian Rupee	53.375	+.040	+.07%	49.000	44.366
Singapore Dollar	1.2443	+.0011	+.09%	1.2657	1.2318
South Korean Won	1136.09	+3.97	+.35%	1110.85	1076.99
Taiwan Dollar	29.26	+.05	+.17%	30.03	28.61

Commodities

Crude oil fell below $100 per barrel for the first time since February on expectations for weaker demand after the government said job growth was at its weakest level in six months.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	98.49	102.54	-3.95	-0.3
Ethanol (gal)	2.21	2.18	+0.05	+0.2
Heating Oil (gal)	3.01	3.09	-2.53	+2.5
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.28	2.34	-2.61	-23.8
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.98	3.05	-2.43	+10.8
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1644.70	1634.20	+0.64	+5.0
Silver (oz)	30.38	29.96	+1.41	+9.0
Platinum (oz)	1536.00	1533.10	+0.19	+9.7
Copper (lb)	3.72	3.73	-0.25	+8.5
Palladium (oz)	651.55	660.75	-1.39	-0.6
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.15	1.16	-0.43	-6.1
Coffee (lb)	1.74	1.74	-0.46	-23.5
Corn (bu)	6.62	6.51	+1.77	+2.4
Cotton (lb)	0.86	0.87	-1.34	-6.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	292.20	291.00	+0.41	+18.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.22	1.31	-6.96	-28.0
Soybeans (bu)	14.75	14.69	+0.43	+23.1
Wheat (bu)	6.04	6.08	-0.74	-7.5

BEHIND THE BRAND ASCENA RETAIL GROUP (ASNA)

Dressed for success

Clothes may make the man, but Ascena Retail Group keeps its fashion focus on women.

The Suffern, N.Y., company operates more than 2,500 clothing stores under three brands in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada.

Its Dressbarn and Maurices chains offer clothing for young and older women, while its Justice stores carry items for young girls.

Between its 2007 and 2011 fiscal years, Ascena has seen its sales swell from $1.4 billion to more than $2.9 billion.

Ascena's profits vaulted 27 percent in its most recently completed fiscal year, as revenue jumped 23 percent. In March, it raised its profit outlook for the current fiscal year, which ends in July.

Ascena stock is up 75 percent from its low of $12 last September.

Some of the company's growth has come through acquisitions. In 2009 it purchased Tween Brands, including its Justice chain.

This month, Ascena made a similar play, by moving to gain entry into the clothing market for large-size women.

It agreed to acquire rival Charming Shoppes for about $890 million. Charming owns the Lane Bryant and Catherines Plus Sizes chains, among others, and operates more than 1,800 stores nationwide.

Thursday's close: **$21.48**
52-week price range: **$12.00** – **$22.62**
Price-earnings ratio: **18**
(based on the last 12 mos.)
1-yr. stock change: **40%**
1-yr. S&P 500 change: **2.6%**
Market value: **$3.3 billion**
Target stock price: **$24.95**
Average broker rating: SELL HOLD BUY

Source: FactSet Data through May 2 AP

Finding opportunities InsiderQ&A

Daniel Morris

Joseph Doyle

Who they are: Managers of the Manor mutual fund (MNRMX) and the Manor Growth fund (MNRGX)

Their track record: The Manor fund ranks in the top 10 percent of large-cap blend funds for 10-year returns. The growth fund ranks in the top half of its category.

Stocks have been volatile, but Daniel Morris and Joseph Doyle say they still see buying opportunities. They say the overall market doesn't look expensive based on companies' earnings and that cheap buys are available.

What do you make of the market's recent choppiness?
Doyle: We're in the process of treading water, the S&P 500 index keeps bouncing around 1,400. A lot of the back and forth has to do with the degree to which you feel you need to be stressed about the fact that there are these huge issues facing the whole planet, and they're mostly political in nature.

You're talking about Europe's debt problems? The U.S. debt load?

China's slowing economy?
Doyle: Yes, yes and yes. And yet we are blessed with lots of companies in the U.S. that seem to be doing just fine. We have this combination of companies with strong balance sheets and good earnings growth and price-to-earnings ratios that by any historical measure are inexpensive because no one is willing to step up and pay for growth.

Do you need individual investors to embrace stocks again for the bull market to calm down?
Morris: I don't think we need the bull market to come back quite as much to be successful. Right now, the market has relatively attractive valuations. Within that, there are plenty of companies that have very attractive valuations. What we want to do is identify the companies that have the capability to drive earnings growth better than the rest of the market, and we'll do just fine. If you get a bull market along the way, all the better, because that will lift price-earnings ratios. We have a long-term horizon in what we do.

How long do you hold stocks?
Morris: In the Growth fund, we have a couple companies that we've held since 1992: Microsoft and Intel.

How long have you owned Apple?
Doyle: We picked that up in mid-2006. We bought it because we thought they had a shot at growing a significant share in the PC market. We were hearing about the iPod and iTunes, but we thought all the money was in computers. That was true for the first couple of years, but as everyone knows the story changed. Now, this company is a great example of a company where investors refused to pay up for growth. They thought, "It can't continue, it's going to end, no company can do this well." On average, they're right. But every once in a while, you get a company that can. This stock allowed us to stay in it simply because the earnings growth kept pace with the stock price.

What have you been buying recently?
Morris: A recent addition is Bed Bath & Beyond. It has great earnings, great cash flow, a strong balance sheet, and all that in what everybody considers to be a terrible real estate market.

Answers edited for content and clarity.

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institutional investors such as mutual funds, hedge funds and pension funds.

On Thursday, the company posted a glossy video on the Web outlining its presentations to investors.

If all goes as planned during the road show, bankers and executives will sit down May 17 to price the stock, which begins trading the next day.

Facebook got a "buy" recommendation Friday from Wedbush Securities Inc. and a target price of $44. Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush in Los Angeles, gave Facebook its first rating since it announced plans Thursday to sell shares in a range of $28 to $35.

"At these prices, demand for Facebook shares will likely outstrip supply, and we expect the shares to trade up," Pachter said in a note to investors.

"We think that given the huge upside potential for revenue and earnings growth, a $44 target price is warranted."

Pachter said he expected the growth in the already huge number of Facebook users would drive higher advertising revenue, and that mobile advertising would play an important role in capturing more ad dollars. He's also bullish on the revenue Facebook gets from taking a cut of digital goods sold on its site through Zynga and other companies. Facebook keeps as much as 30 percent of the transactions.

California is hoping that Facebook will have a "Google effect" on the state's economy. Capital gains tax receipts from stock sales rose to $54 billion in 2005 from $39.7 billion in 2004, the year Google Inc. went public, according to Franchise Tax Board figures.

When Facebook executives and employees cash in shares, the state takes a 10 percent cut of the profits.

In February, California legislative analyst Mac Taylor became the first state official to estimate what Facebook's big Wall Street debut could mean for California's ailing budget. He said the IPO could pump nearly $2.5 billion into state coffers in the next five years.

Google wins top rating in survey of interns

By TIFFANY HSU
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Google Inc., with its free meals, high monthly pay and relaxed work environment, was rated by interns as the best place to work in a report released just ahead of the peak summer internship season.

A software engineering intern at the search engine giant can expect an average monthly pay of $6,463, according to career website Glassdoor. Google interns, who voted the company as the most satisfying place to work, also reported additional perks such as face time with managers and opportunities to sit in on meetings.

Microsoft Corp., where research interns earn $6,746 each month, was second. The rest of the 10 best-rated internships includes spots at Qualcomm Inc., MTV Networks, State Farm Insurance, Intel Corp., General Electric Co., Procter & Gamble Co., Johnson & Johnson and Cisco Systems Inc.

The Glassdoor report includes commentary from interns working at nearly 3,300 companies over the last three years.

Employers are expected to boost their internship hiring by nearly 9 percent this summer but are paying interns less, according to a report last month from the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Undergraduate interns will get $14.21 an hour – down 2.8 percent from last year, with freshmen getting $13.91 an hour and seniors earning $17.57.

But more than 80 percent of companies plan to offer added benefits. Nearly 60 percent of firms will help interns with relocation costs.

Intern-seeking businesses generally reserve 1 percent of their recruiting budgets to online networking, instead preferring to find candidates at career fairs and on-campus information and recruiting sessions, according to the report.

In the aftermath of the recession, many laid-off workers are competing with students for internship positions, which can often lead to jobs.

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1.3 percent to close at 13,038.

For investors, the latest jobs report was in some ways the worst of both worlds. Job growth decelerated enough to raise worries about the economy but not enough to push the Federal Reserve to provide more monetary stimulus, said Neil Dutta, an economist at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch.

Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, called the report "terrible and very disappointing," arguing that the economy should be creating 500,000 jobs a month after such a deep recession.

"The president's policies have simply not worked," he said in an interview with "Fox & Friends."

Obama sought, as he has in the past, to stress the longer term, emphasizing the improvement from the depths of the downturn while reiterating that more work remains.

"After the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, our businesses have now created more than 4.2 million new jobs over the last 26 months, more than 1 million jobs in the last six months alone," he said in a speech Friday at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va.

Because of weather, analysts said, the job-growth slowdown in April and March probably overstated the actual deterioration. The mild winter, they said, artificially inflated payrolls in December, January and February; some of those gains cut into future hiring. Construction firms, for example, had a hiring spurt in December and January but haven't seen an increase in jobs since.

The U.S. economy grew at a moderate 2.2 percent annual rate in the first quarter, helped by a surge in consumer spending and improvement in the long-depressed housing market. Car sales have been strong, and demand for credit has been growing. But the weak jobs report is likely to hurt confidence, prompting consumers to pull back spending and already cautious businesses to delay hiring and investment decisions.

Other analysts, citing the distortions caused by the warm winter weather, said they expected job growth to rise again to 175,000 to 200,000 in the coming months – a pickup from the average job growth of 153,000 a month last year. But even that wouldn't be anything to write home about, said Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute, who worries about the fresh crop of college graduates who will soon be entering the job market.

"Their prospects are better than for the class of 2011, but not by much," she said. "It's still very grim."

Dancing with the feet is one thing, but dancing with the heart is another.
Author Unknown

Staff member Jackie and resident Harold twirl the dance floor at The Willows.

Sharing... Life's Journey.

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What Should You Do with a 401(k) When Leaving a Job?

In the past, many people stayed at one job, or at least one company, for almost their entire working lives. When they retired, they could typically count on a pension, the value of which was based on their years of service and earnings. But today, workers can expect to hold several different jobs in their lifetime, and to a great extent, pensions have been replaced by 401(k) plans, which place much of the funding responsibility on employees. So, assuming you will change jobs at some point, and you do have a 401(k), what should you do with it?

Here are your basic choices:

• *Cash out your plan.* If you cash out your plan, your company will likely pay you 80% of your account value, withholding the rest for federal taxes. And if you're younger than age 59½, you may well be slapped with a 10% IRS tax penalty. Even worse, you'll have lost a key source of your retirement income. Still, if you are leaving your employer involuntarily, and you need the money, cashing out your 401(k) is an option you may need to consider.

• *Keep the money in your company's plan.* When you leave a company, your employer may allow you to keep your money in your existing 401(k). You may want to choose this route if you like the investment choices available in your plan. However, you might be caught by surprise if the company decides to change investment options. Furthermore, some employers may charge former employees fees to maintain their 401(k) plans.

• *Move the money into your new employer's plan.* If your new employer has a 401(k) and allows transfers, you could roll the money from your old plan into the new one. This might be an attractive option if you like the investment options in your new employer's plan.

• *Roll the money over to an IRA.* You may find several advantages to rolling your 401(k) over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). First, your money will still have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis. Second, you can invest your funds in virtually any investment you choose — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs), etc. Third, if you own more than one 401(k) account, you could find it advantageous to consolidate them into a single IRA, thereby making it easier to allocate and monitor your retirement assets. And fourth, IRAs may give you greater flexibility if you plan to pass money to your children. In fact, if your child inherits your IRA, he or she has the option of stretching withdrawals over the child's entire lifetime, rather than taking the money as a lump sum. (If you do transfer funds from your old 401(k) to an IRA, be sure to use a "direct rollover" to avoid the possibility of triggering unwanted taxes.)

Before making any moves with your 401(k), consult with your tax and financial advisors. By looking closely at your options, and by getting professional guidance, you can make the choice that's right for you.

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Chad Errio, 36, of Seatonville, Ill., thinks that Negro Creek's name should be retained because of historic value and discussed with the kids in school to understand the history of the area.

Phillip K. Mol of De Pue, Ill., standing on a road above Negro Creek, is spearheading a campaign to change the name of the creek saying that many people in the area refer to it in more racist terms.

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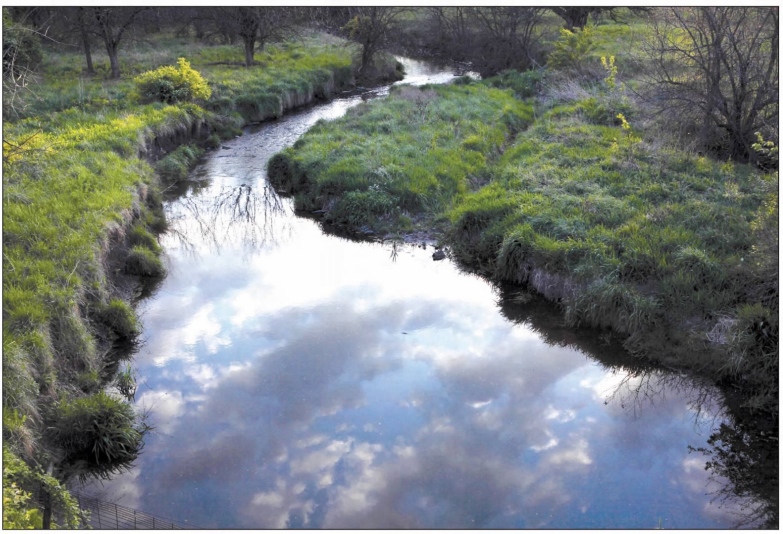

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Looking down at Negro Creek as it winds through Seatonville, Ill. Negro Creek twists and turns through De Pue and Seatonville, Ill. On one road in Seatonville where the road passes over the creek there is a small plaque bearing the name.

Debate over creek's name turns neighborly

By TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

SEATONVILLE, Ill. — Phillip Mol is pushing to change the name of a narrow, meandering creek that was given its official title about the time Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

The brook is Negro Creek, one of 15 geographic places in Illinois with Negro in its name. Flowing into the Illinois River about 100 miles southwest of Chicago, the stream drifts along a peaceful, 11-mile path amid farms and small towns of Bureau County.

But shortly after Mol started his effort late last year, local passions over Negro Creek heated up and turned a little ugly.

A "Leave Negro Creek Alone" Facebook group emerged to counter Mol's Facebook group and people posted personal attacks. Both sides called meetings to rally their allies. Mol said he thought local authorities may have been watching him. Tensions spiked.

Then events took a curious turn. Residents began having in-depth, civilized discussions on race. An ardent appreciation for Bureau County's compelling racial history, and its overall history, was stoked. And now, both sides have reached at least a partial consensus.

The man who directly opposes Mol's effort, Chad Errio, made an observation the other day that a few months ago may have seemed ludicrous:

"I think," Errio said, "it's really brought the community closer."

Mol agreed, adding, "Darn right."

At a time when racial discord has risen to prominence on the national landscape, the debate over what to call a creek in rural Illinois may provide context on how anger can evolve into civic civility.

"I think both sides have done a good job of saying, 'Let's put all that other stuff aside; let's talk about the issues,'" said Pam Haslam, who was unloading groceries one recent evening in Seatonville. "I think they've done a good job of keeping things from escalating."

It isn't as if folks on either side of the issue are ready to join hands and sing Kum Ba Yah. Sniping on Facebook and in

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>
> **CHAD ERRIO**
> Opposes Negro Creek's name change

Bunking with cats, inmates learn value of teamwork

By NIGEL DUARA
Associated Press

YACOLT, Wash. — When Princess Natalie was still a kitten, before she was prison royalty, she was left in a cage with another cat for months. They were fed, given water and not much else.

Natalie became afraid of people and other cats. When she was adopted, she hissed at her owners, made a mess in their home and bit them at every opportunity. They gave up and handed her over to a shelter.

Natalie was scheduled to be put down. But then a program at a minimum-security prison in Washington state presented another option: Hand her over to a pair of inmates.

The six-year-old, long-haired black cat would live in their cell, get outside time daily and learn manners. For Joey Contreras, 28, Natalie's arrival in March was his ticket out of a 40-man dorm and into a two-person cell with a door.

Contreras and his cellmate, after passing the screening process, are two of the four inmates in the "Cuddly Catz" program at Larch Correctional Facility

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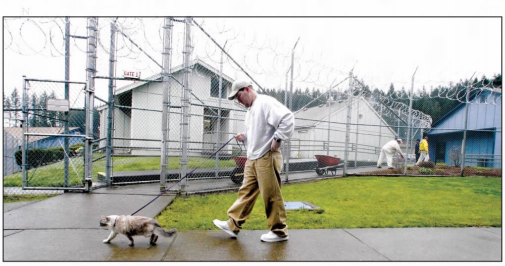

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Inmate Richard Amaro walks Clementine at Larch Correctional Facility in Yacolt, Wash. The Cuddly Catz program at the Larch Correctional Facility, a minimum-security prison is several months old, but inmates say they've already noticed a difference in the cats and themselves.

Love can survive anything, even 65 years

Lori Borgman

They are sitting on the piano bench that has been dragged to the front hall because the light is better there. He is 87 and she is 86. They are the parents of a best friend and will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. They are here because the husband and I occasionally do portraits for people if our arms are twisted just so.

She is wearing a lovely emerald green dress and a double strand of crystal beads. He is wearing a dark blue suit, light blue shirt, snappy tie and comfortable shoes.

They smile easily, turning their heads a quarter inch this way and a quarter inch that way. I tell him to put his arm around her and hold her tight. He wraps his arm around her and pulls her close. She giggles like a school girl and leans into him. They have melded into one, totally at ease and comfortable – with one another, with the passing of time and with health issues of late.

We finish taking pictures and ask how they met. So they do what couples who have been married a long time do. They tell their story. Together.

He says it was a blind date. He already had a girlfriend and someone asked him to fix her up with one of his friends. Because he once had a bad blind date himself – "the girl had a face like a bulldog," he says, wincing – he decided to take her out himself first before introducing her to his friend.

"We went bowling," he says.

She looks around while she listens and then looks at him. Smiling, all the while smiling.

"We bowled eight games and I lost seven out of eight," he says. "And she laughed every time."

"A man told me not to keep laughing because it would make him mad," she says. "But I did. I laughed."

"She laughed!" he says, with mock exasperation.

"I gave him my earrings to hold. He put them in his pocket and forgot about them."

"It was deliberate," he says, "so she could see me the next day. We married five months and 10 days later."

There is a rich history here. With humble beginnings, they have created a family and a home, managed money well, raised children with the requisite joys and challenges, weathered the storms and rode the waves.

What's nagging at me while looking at them is the growing trend known as the graying of divorce. One in four couples now filing for divorce is older than 50. Just when they close in on the finish line, they throw in the towel. Of course there can be legitimate reasons, but sometimes there really aren't and the human toll is gut-wrenching.

This dapper Dan and his girl in the emerald green make me look forward to growing old with my better half, finishing each other's stories, not caring if the wrinkles show, just glad to be weathering the storms, enjoying the sights and still have one another.

Maybe someone will take our picture on the piano bench one day, too.

Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Contact her at lori@lori borgman.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

Kadolph-Schmidke

Lindsey L. Kadolph and Adam Schmidke are planning a July 21, 2012, wedding.

Kadolph, daughter of David and Kristen Kadolph of West Olive, Mich., graduated from West Ottawa High School in Holland and from Central Michigan University with a logistics degree. She is a customs documentation specialist at CMA-CGM in Norfolk, Va.

Her fiancé, son of Glenn and Denise Schmidke of St. Joseph, graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic High School and Central Michigan University with an engineering degree. He is a senior design engineer at Huntington Ingalls in Newport News, Va.

Schneider-Schroeder

Molly Schneider and Michael Schroeder are planning a Sept. 1, 2012, wedding.

Schneider, daughter of the Rev. Tom and Jane Schneider of Stevensville, is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran High School and is attending Lake Michigan College.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Elaine Schroeder of Belle Plaine, Minn., is a graduate of Belle Plain High School and Bethany Lutheran College. He is employed with Verizon Wireless in Mankato, Minn.

Herzog-Alfini

Laura Herzog and Anthony Alfini are planning a June 16, 2012, wedding.

Herzog, daughter of Mark and Cindy Herzog of St. Joseph, graduated from St. Joseph High School and Olivet College. She is a math teacher at Rifle High School in Rifle, Colo.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Cherri Alfini of Rifle, Colo., graduated from Rifle High School and Colorado School of Mines in Golden. He is a science teacher at Rifle High School.

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public still occurs and positions remain entrenched. But many agree that the debate had the potential to become repugnant.

Exactly why it evolved instead into a relatively calm, even productive community conversation probably has something to do with time and demographics. Months have passed, softening early flash fires of anger. Also, only about 210 of the county's 35,000 residents are African-American.

At the same time, Errio, 36, a sheet metal worker and part-time stand-up comic, and Mol, 50, an aerial surveyor – both of whom are white – have exercised social network vigilance, yanking from their opposing Negro Creek Facebook pages comments that veered the discussion toward the muck. The two opponents also have attended each other's meetings.

Underneath it all, though, is perhaps a more enduring reason: the echoes of shared history.

"It's all kind of working itself out in peoples' psyches," Mol said. "It's kind of cool to watch."

The obsolete, ambiguously offensive word in the creek's name didn't bother Mol much when he and his wife moved near the stream in DePue in the fall of 2010. But when Mol, a "liberal Christian" and U.S. Navy veteran who was born and raised in California, heard a few people refer to the stream by the slur for Negro, he said he prayed about it for six months then decided to embark on his mission.

Around Thanksgiving, Mol created a Facebook page, "Lets rename Negro Creek." In January Errio, a Seatonville village trustee and volunteer firefighter who has lived most of his life in that community, created an online counterpart. At last count, the rename page has 221 members. Leave Negro Creek Alone has more than double that.

The arguments on both sides generally revolve around racism, history and political correctness. Those advocating change contend that, as Mol puts it, "this is just about us being nice. It's the decent thing to do."

Errio contends that very few people use the slur and that erasing the Negro in Negro Creek exemplifies "political correctness run amok" and also erases nearly 200 years of history. Explaining that history, Errio said, is why he is working on erecting a marker in a park on the creek.

Local African-Americans he has spoken with don't object to the creek's name, Errio said. Also, he and his supporters note, African-Americans accept the term in organizations such as the Negro League Baseball Players Association and the National Council of Negro Women.

"Telling our kids about ... the past makes a lot more sense than trying to change the name," Errio said. "It doesn't change the good things or the bad things that have happened. It's part of our history. You want to give credit ... and educate people."

But history can be a matter of perspective.

Geneva Klinefelter, an African-American resident of DePue, just west of the creek, said she supports changing the name – that using color to name a creek and define a race is wrong.

"To me," she added, "that's not saying anything about my history."

Her son, Cortland, 19, agreed that the creek's name should be changed. The word Negro "comes from so much hate," he said. "We should be able to show that we've come past all that."

Sundiata Cha-Jua, associate professor of African-American Studies at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said blacks as early as the mid-1800s were moving away from the word Negro, a descriptor they believed was imposed on them.

Negro "signified a kind of weakness and subordination," Cha-Jua said. Embracing the words African-American or black is about "self-definition, self determination ... about naming oneself," he added.

Bureau County local historian Sarah Cooper said the larger issue in this debate is to question the use of racial epithets, whatever the context.

"One can only hope," she said, "that at the very least, because of the dialogue about Negro Creek, instead of letting a racist comment whiz by us in casual conversation – at the gas station or coffee shop or tavern, we will not remain silent."

Despite the tentative progress, an impasse remains over the central issue of what to call Negro Creek.

Mol said his next step is establishing a state law that would erase Negro and the word "Squaw," which can be considered offensive to Native Americans, from the official names of places throughout Illinois, a process that typically starts with persuading a lawmaker to sponsor a bill.

Eleven states, including Wisconsin and Minnesota, have measures aimed at eliminating Negro, Squaw or other derogatory words from geographic names, according to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. That office, which holds final say on standardizing geographic names, typically changes a name only if local support for the change is strong, the spokesman said.

In the 1960s the board used Negro and Japanese to replace more pejorative terms in place names.

Board records show that among Illinois' 20 names bearing the words Negro or Squaw, seven of the places are creeks.

Mol's name of choice for Bureau County's Negro Creek is Love Creek, the surname of a large African-American family who arrived reportedly as slaves in the 1830s then acquired 40 acres about a mile from the creek.

Errio said if the state forces a change, he'd press for a name from an African-American settler to the area. Mol said he is "a thousand percent" behind the historical marker plan.

"If all we'd see was a monument go up," Mol said, "and you combine that with all the conversation that has occurred, I would consider that a victory for everybody."

CATS

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in Yacolt.

"Nobody was wanting to adopt her," Contreras said. "We got her and it's been awesome ever since."

It wasn't awesome at the outset. She came as advertised, Contreras said – moody, dysfunctional and prone to violence. But the changes in his newest cellmate are evident.

She can now be petted, brushed and even held for a few minutes. She still growls but rarely hisses. She has a scratching post and perch that takes up a healthy chunk of the 12 foot-by-10 foot cell. Contreras and his cellmate care for her in shifts.

The program's other cat, a half-Persian mix named Clementine, is in the care of Richard Amaro, who said the experience has been about more than escaping dorm life.

"You get close to them," Amaro said.

The prison hopes to add four more cats. Inmates accepted in the program have to exhibit good behavior – infractions can mean being sent back to the general population.

Prison counselor Monique Camacho said the experience helps reinforce the concept of teamwork for inmates who are used to looking out for only themselves.

"In prison, they tend to think about No. 1," Camacho said. "Now they have to look out, care for and have responsibility for something else."

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Obamacare melds moral and market views on health care coverage

In 2004, the Canadian Broadcasting Company surveyed the Canadian people to discover who they believed was the "greatest Canadian of all time." It wasn't Pierre Trudeau or Lester Pearson, two popular prime ministers. It wasn't even Wayne Gretzky. It was ... Tommy Douglas.

And who was Tommy Douglas? He was the man credited with the design and implementation of Canada's universal health care system. The Canadians really like their health care system.

And I like Canadians. Down in Arizona, about a third of the snow birds are Canadians who come from the western provinces to soak up the warm sun in the southwestern United States. They enjoy a well-deserved reputation among Americans of being friendly, courteous and good-natured. They sometimes are kidded by Americans about their affability.

As guests of the United States, they tend to avoid political discussions, but occasionally they will offer their opinions if they are asked directly about an issue. I happened to be at an informal luncheon one day when a political discussion between a Canadian and an American transpired. It went something like this:

AMERICAN: Are you ready to go back to the kind of health care you have up north?

CANADIAN: We're pretty happy with our health care back home.

AMERICAN: But doesn't it bother you to have government take away your freedom to decide whether you want to participate or not?

Robert Dolsen

Generations

CANADIAN: We have freedom from fear and worry. It gives us peace of mind to know we won't lose our savings or our pensions no matter how expensive our care might be. It's a real relief.

AMERICAN: But you're not free to choose your doctors.

CANADIAN: Of course we are. And most of our doctors are in private practice. And isn't it true that most Americans must use the doctors and private insurers their employers choose for them?

AMERICAN: But it's still socialism.

CANADIAN: That doesn't bother us. It's no more socialistic than American Medicare, which is run by the American government, except our Medicare covers everyone and does it for a lot less money. And what I have heard from Americans is they really like their Medicare.

AMERICAN: But doesn't it bother you to have to pay for care for people who don't pay their fair share? How do you tolerate that?

CANADIAN: I guess it's because we believe it's the right thing to do.

And there you have it. Implicit in this exchange are two starkly different views of the nature of health care. One holds that it is primarily an economic issue, with health care as a commodity purchased in the free market. People may purchase health care or health care insurance in accordance with their wishes and the financial resources they have acquired in the marketplace.

The other view holds that health care is a moral issue, with its provision as fundamental to our well-being as food and shelter and education, and that in a democratic society everyone deserves decent health care as a matter of their citizenship, regardless of their ability or inability to pay. It's a view held by every developed nation except the United States.

For the past several years, health care analysts have underscored the growing problems with our health care and health care insurance systems. Most of Americans filing for bankruptcy did so because of health care bills. Children over 18 could not stay on their parents' health insurance. Americans couldn't get insurance if they had an illness at the time they applied for coverage. Insurance companies put caps on reimbursements for catastrophic care. Insurance – both public and private – ignored preventive care too much. The donut hole in Medicare Part D forced some seniors to forgo needed prescriptions. And tens of millions of Americans, the great majority of whom were working, had no health insurance at all, with more and more employers dropping coverage every year.

The Obama administration, eschewing the single payer system, which would address the preponderance of these issues in the simplest and least expensive way, chose to meld the moral and market views into a system that would impose no greater tax burden on the American public.

Obamacare introduced provisions tackling most of the issues. Insurers could no longer limit reimbursements for care, children could stay on parents' policies, people with existing illnesses would be covered by insurers or participate in a special public program to help them, a variety of diagnostic exams would be introduced with no increased cost to patients, and small businesses could receive subsidies to keep employee health insurance.

The administration listened to the medical community in other ways too. Gunderson Luther Health System, in Wisconsin and Minnesota, had developed a very successful service to patients with grave illnesses and their families. A cross-disciplinary team would meet with them to talk about end-of-life choices by the families. It took a team of professionals at least two hours to inform the patients and families fully. Gunderson doctors asked the administration to consider having Medicare pay for this critical service, and the administration complied. When the political opponents branded these services "death panels," Obamacare proponents realized this wasn't going to be an easy journey.

The administration also listened to insurance companies. Obamacare changes the nature of insurers, who would no longer be able to deny services easily or turn down applicants. Insurers asked that the administration require everyone – even those with low health care needs – to participate, so that the insurers could pay for those with high needs who previously were turned down. It is the only way such a universal system would work. And so the "individual mandate" was introduced. And where the charge that it denied "freedom" was developed.

There is a lot at stake for the free marketers. In 1994, when health care reform was introduced by the Clinton administration, William Kristol, a leading conservative spokesperson, wrote that conservatives must stop health reform at all possible costs, because when the American public experienced it, they would love it, as my Canadian friend does, and Republicans will have "lost the middle class forever."

Robert Dolsen is retired executive director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Long-Term Care at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Sunday in The Herald-Palladium.

Volunteers

To find out about these opportunities, call 983-0912 in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area or 683-5464 in the Niles area, visit volunteerswmi.org or email volunteer@volunteerswmi.org. The center is a United Way partner agency.

Adults

Curious Kids' Museum in St. Joseph stimulates a child's curiosity, learning and creative expression. As a floor interpreter you will circulate throughout the museum, interacting with visitors by demonstrating the exhibits and answering their questions. You will also return exhibits to order by cleaning and tidying up as necessary.

The **Berrien County Department of Human Services** is in need of a clerical aide to assist clerical staff, office manager and other DHS staff with clerical duties. These may include things such as filing, copying, assisting clients with completion of applications, or sorting and delivering mail. You should be at least 18 years old, have good organization and communication skills, the ability to work with others, and be able to follow directives and maintain confidentiality. An orientation and training will be provided.

Michigan Blood is looking for volunteers in every county and community. As a volunteer you will be trained in the post-donation station and are responsible for socializing with donors, observing donors for reactions, and offering fluids and other refreshments after the donation process. No experience is necessary, just a friendly, dependable and caring attitude. Training is provided by Michigan Blood and the minimum age is 16.

Lighthouse Ministries of Benton Harbor (formerly Harbor Harvest Urban Ministries) are looking for tutors for school age children in their after-school and summer programs. This opportunity will involve a commitment of three to four hours a week. If your passion is more for the visual arts they also have an opportunity for you to teach a group of school-age children how to draw, paint, make jewelry or whatever else you think the children would enjoy.

Calling all Colors of Southwest Michigan provides an opportunity for children and youth from diverse ethnic, geographic and economic backgrounds to interact and creates a safe environment for the celebration of diversity. As a teachers assistant you will assist with facilitating small group activities with grade-school students for two hours (9-11 a.m.) on days that are scheduled well in advance. You will need to have patience, enthusiasm and experience working with children. You should also be committed to program objectives and be willing to submit to a security clearance.

Are you familiar with setting up and taking down websites? The Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan is looking for a skilled volunteer interested in a short-time assignment to clean up some old content that continues to "live" on that mysterious creature that is the **World Wide Web**. This needs to be done in April and will take two to five hours to complete.

As a board of directors member for the **Support Our Troops Festival**, you will be expected to help with suggestions that will give positive awareness to the plight of not only today's military veteran, but to all veterans of past and future wars. The purpose of the festival is to raise funds for donations to area organizations. This year's festival will also be donating to Paws for the (Veterans) Cause. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at the American Legion Post 335 in Baroda.

Harbor Habitat for Humanity is coordinating a group of fun, diverse, enthusiastic and energetic individuals to help us with planning and organizing events. These occasions could be in the form of home dedications, key passing ceremonies, fundraisers and banquets, etc. They are looking for people who are organized, have local contacts and love to plan parties.

Cass County Council on Aging provides adult day care in their respite facility. You can assist in the care of clients who have varying stages of Alzheimer's or dementia. They are open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Duties include assisting with crafts, meals and other activities. Patience, compassion and empathy are needed volunteer qualities. If you would rather be on road instead of inside, the council would like to talk to you about driving area seniors to out-of-county medical appointments. Mileage reimbursement is available. Preference is for drivers who have, or are willing to get, a chauffeur's license.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berrien and Cass invites you to a life-affirming experience as a community mentor or as a lunch buddy. You will mentor a 6- to 12-year-old who needs an extra adult in his/her life at time that is convenient for you. As mentor, you will learn why four to 10 hours a month sharing stories, sharing a lunch, or playing a game means so much to a child.

Become a valued member of the volunteer staff at **Fernwood Botanical Garden** in Niles. As a receptionist, your smiling face will welcome visitors to the beautiful garden and nature setting. You will assist the reception staff in greeting visitors and giving directions, operating the cash register, answering the phone, and registering people for classes and programs.

Do you like playing games, doing arts and crafts and just visiting with seniors? Come be an activity assistant at **Harbor House**. Child and Family Services offers Harbor House as a place for seniors who are physically impaired, socially isolated, and have Alzheimer's or other dementias to socialize and enjoy peer support in a stimulating and supportive environment that promotes better mental and physical health.

Adults and Youths

The mission of the **Ronald McDonald Family Room** in South Bend is to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children in Michiana-area medical facilities. Being a teen board member is an opportunity to get involved with a global charity at a local level by promoting their mission and raising funds.

Greeters are the first point of contact at **Lakeland Community Hospital in Niles**. You welcome guests to the hospital, assist them in locating loved ones and guide them to their destination. Be that friendly face. All volunteers must complete an orientation, TB test and criminal background check.

Families

The **Postal Food Drive** is the nation's largest one-day food drive. If you get a flier in your mailbox, your local post office is participating. We encourage you to set out your food donations by your mailbox on May 12. Volunteers are needed that day to work with the Niles Salvation Army and the Niles Post Office.

During the **Senior PGA Championship** presented by KitchenAid, Michigan's Great Southwest is going to host visitors from all over the world. A group of volunteers called the "Community Showcase Committee" and Cornerstone Alliance have come together to make preparations to ensure that the community is clean and businesses are prepared to guarantee our guests a pleasant experience. They are hosting a community clean-up weekend from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 18 and 19.

Community gardens have sprouted all over Southwest Michigan the last couple of years. There are many ways to get involved for either short-term assignments or throughout the growing season. Contact the Volunteer Center to learn more and connect with the garden in your area.

Pet of the week

Photo provided

Meet Booker! He's a Boxer mix pup who was born on Thanksgiving last year. He's a playful guy who loves people and gets along well with other dogs. Booker is up to date on his vaccinations and has been microchipped. For more information or to meet him, call Save A Stray at 930-0871 and be sure to check the website www.save-a-stray.org to see other dogs and also cats available for adoption.

Sister deserves to be called out for controlling tendencies

Hi, Carolyn: My younger sister and I have become very close over the last few years as we are both in our 20s and beginning our own lives. She attends a university about an hour away from where I live. I live about 15 minutes from our parents' house and my sister comes home to visit frequently, and lives at home during her breaks. She and I have a ton of fun together, and I enjoy spending time with her.

Carolyn Hax

However, she doesn't like being alone at the house with our parents because they are very controlling and invasive in our independent lives. When my sister is home, she asks me over to our parents' house almost every night. I try to go over there a couple times a week, but after working all day, sometimes I just want to go home to my apartment.

When I tell her this, I am met with anger. I've tried inviting her over to my apartment instead, but she doesn't like it there.

Sometimes I tell myself she just needs to get over it, but at the same time I am afraid of losing her friendship. I'm not sure if I am the bad guy here or not. – **Feeling Guilty**

You know the tree well; let me introduce you to the apple.

Your sister is using against you every weapon in the controlling arsenal.

I don't envy you your choices here. Either you keep contorting yourself to nurture this "close" relationship, even as it succumbs to her escalating demands of you, or you risk killing it in an effort to save it.

I don't think it's a close call, though. Her using these controlling tactics carries her across the boundary into your business. That's solid justification for calling her out on your own behalf (whenever she does it). And, unless she changes her ways, she'll send loved ones scurrying from her just as you two have withdrawn emotionally from your parents. That's justification for butting in on her behalf (once).

So. Next time she gets up in your grill about not indulging her, pause as needed to steady your emotions, and inquire gently if she realizes what she's doing. If she rebuffs you immediately, ask her please to take a moment to think about it.

If she doesn't see it, then just as gently say that from where you sit, it feels as if she's not showing respect for, what's the phrasing you used? Your independent life.

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In-laws' invitation snubs still rankle after 27 years

Dear Abby: I have been married to my husband, "Stu," for 27 years. His brother's family continues to send invitations addressed only to Stu. When they call to invite us to anything and I answer, they ask to speak to him. He has asked them not to do that.

Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby

When RSVPing to the latest invitation to our niece's graduation party – addressed only to my husband – I said that he would attend as he was the only one invited.

When we see each other, they are polite. I feel that pushing the point or not attending would reflect badly on me. What do you suggest? I am hurt by years of this treatment, and Stu is just as offended. – Had Enough in New Hampshire

Dear Had Enough: Either your brother-in-law and his family never learned how to properly address an invitation, or on some emotional level you were never accepted as a full-fledged family member. As I see it, you have two choices: Continue to attend these events as you have for the past 27 years, or both of you decline and tell them exactly why.

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Obama isn't the uniter he claimed to be

"The pundits like to slice and dice our country into red states and blue states ..."

– Barack Obama, rising star, Democratic convention, 2004

Poor Solicitor General Donald Verrilli. Once again he's been pilloried for fumbling a historic Supreme Court case. First shredded for his "train wreck" defense of Obamacare's individual mandate, he is now blamed for the defenestration in oral argument of Obama's challenge to the Arizona immigration law.

Charles Krauthammer

The law allows police to check the immigration status of someone stopped for other reasons. Verrilli claimed that constitutes an intrusion on the federal monopoly on immigration enforcement. He was pummeled. Why shouldn't a state help the federal government enforce the law? "You can see it's not selling very well," said Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

But Verrilli never had a chance. This was never a serious legal challenge in the first place. It was confected (and timed) purely for political effect, to highlight immigration as a campaign issue with which to portray Republicans as anti-Hispanic.

Hispanics are just the beginning, however. The entire Obama campaign is a slice and dice operation, pandering to one group after another, particularly those that elected Obama in 2008 – blacks, Hispanics, women, young people – and for whom the thrill is now gone.

What to do? Try fear. Create division, stir resentment, by whatever means necessary – bogus court challenges, dead-end Senate bills and a forest of straw men.

Why else would the Justice Department challenge the photo ID law in Texas? To charge Republicans with seeking to disenfranchise Hispanics and blacks, of course. But in 2008 the Supreme Court upheld a similar law from Indiana. And it wasn't close: 6-3, the majority including that venerated liberal, John Paul Stevens.

Moreover, photo IDs were recommended by the 2005 Commission on Federal Election Reform, co-chaired by Jimmy Carter. And you surely can't get into the attorney general's building without one. Are Stevens, Carter and Eric Holder anti-Hispanic and anti-black?

The ethnic bases covered, we proceed to the "war on women." It sprang to public notice when a 30-year-old student at an elite law school (starting private-sector salary upon graduation: $160,000) was denied the inalienable right to have the rest of the citizenry (as co-insured and/or taxpayers – median household income: $52,000) pay for her contraception.

Despite a temporary setback – Hilary Rosen's hastily surrendered war on moms – Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid will resume the battle with a Paycheck Fairness Act that practically encourages frivolous lawsuits and has zero chance of passage.

No matter. Its sole purpose is to keep the war-on-women theme going, while the equally just-for-show Buffett Rule, nicely pitting the 99 percent versus the 1 percent, is a clever bit of class warfare designed to let Democrats play tribune of the middle class.

Ethnicity, race, gender, class. One more box to check: the young. Just four years ago, they swooned in the aisles for Obama. No longer. Not when 54 percent of college graduates under 25 are unemployed or underemployed.

How to shake them from their lethargy? Fear again. Tell them, as Obama repeatedly does, that Paul Ryan's budget would cut Pell Grants by $1,000 each, if his domestic cuts were evenly distributed. (They are not evenly distributed, making the charge a fabrication. But a great applause line.)

Then warn that Republicans would double the interest rate on student loans. Well, first, Mitt Romney has said he would keep them right where they are. Second, as The Washington Post points out, this is nothing but a recycled campaign gimmick from 2006 when Democrats advocated (and later passed) a 50 percent rate cut that gratuitously squanders student aid by subsidizing the wealthy as well as the needy.

For Obama, what's not to like? More beneficiaries, more votes.

What else to run on with 1.7 percent GDP growth (2011), record long-term joblessness and record 8 percent-plus unemployment (38 consecutive months, as of this writing). Slice and dice, group against group.

There is a problem, however. It makes a mockery of Obama's pose as the great transcender, uniter, healer of divisions. This is the man who sprang from nowhere with that thrilling 2004 convention speech declaring that there is "not a black America and white America and Latino America and Asian America; there's the United States of America."

That was then. Today, we are just sects with quarrels – to be exploited for political advantage. And Obama is just the man to fulfill Al Gore's famous mistranslation of our national motto: Out of one, many.

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Society-taught stereotyping afflicts us all

I don't care about George Zimmerman's MySpace page.

Granted, it was gratifying to read recently in The Miami Herald about his crude animus toward Mexicans ("soft ass wanna be thugs") and his reference to a former girlfriend as an "ex-hoe." Given the way white supremacists and other Zimmerman supporters have exaggerated and manufactured evidence to paint Zimmerman's unarmed 17-year-old victim, Trayvon Martin, as a thug who somehow deserved shooting, this unflattering portrait offers the same satisfaction one feels any time the goose is basted with sauce that was prepared for the gander.

Leonard Pitts

But ultimately, Zimmerman's online profile is as irrelevant as Trayvon's to any real understanding of the social dynamics that were at play the night the boy was shot to death. Worse, our fixation on this ephemera, the need on the one hand to make Trayvon some dark gangsta straight from Central Casting and on the other to find a Klan hood in the back of Zimmerman's closet, suggests a shallow, even naive, understanding of the role race seems to have played in this tragedy.

The pertinent fact is that Zimmerman found Trayvon suspicious because, as he told the 911 dispatcher, the boy was walking slowly and looking around. That might be the behavior of a boy who was turned around in an unfamiliar neighborhood. Or of a boy enjoying a cell phone conversation with a girl and not overly eager to return to where his sweet nothings might be overheard by his dad.

That no such alternate possibilities seem to have occurred to Zimmerman for even an instant suggests the degree to which we as a people have grown comfortable with the belief that black is crime and crime is black. Nor are African-Americans immune to the effects of that invidious formulation.

Indeed, the dirty little secret of the Martin killing is that Zimmerman could easily have been black. True, a black Zimmerman probably would not have been sent home by prosecutors who declined to press charges – whiteness still has its privileges – but otherwise, yes. It is entirely possible.

Why not? Blacks watch the same TV news as anyone else. We internalize the same message. We drink the same poison.

Why else do you think black folk flinch when the mug shot goes up on television, hoping the face will not be brown – as if we bore some communal responsibility for the suspect's misdeeds? Why else do you think so much of our music is a song of violence and crime? Why else, when I ask an auditorium full of black kids how frequently the individual who murders a white person is black, do they figure it at 75 percent? Why else are they shocked to hear it's only 13?

At some subterranean level, we – African-Americans – still believe the garbage of innate criminality we have so assiduously been fed, and struggle with hating ourselves, as America long ago taught us to do. We struggle with it, yet we know better from firsthand, man-in-the-mirror experience. So how much harder is the struggle for white folks?

This is why I grow impatient with those – black, white and otherwise – who think the salient social issue here is George Zimmerman's character. It is not. Nor is it Trayvon's.

It is, rather, that ours is a nation so obscenely comfortable in conflating black with crime that a civilian carrying no badge of authority nevertheless feels it his right to require that an American boy walking lawfully upon a public street justify his presence there. And it is the knowledge that at least some black men would have done the same.

To make this about Zimmerman is to absolve the rest of us for maintaining a society that, in ways both overt and covert, still makes criminality a function of skin. Trayvon Martin was killed by a stereotype. George Zimmerman is just the guy who fired the gun.

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Letters

Poor communication hinders Dowagiac district

Editor,

I applaud our community members who attended the March 28 Dowagiac school board meeting and spoke in support of our local principals. Board President Larry Seurynck was quoted as finding criticism "tough to take." He spoke of his feelings for our community and his commitment to our district's students. I commend him for those beliefs and share them with him. Born in Dowagiac, I was employed by our district for 40 years before my 2010 retirement.

Mr. Seurynck needs to know that I and others find some recent central administration/board actions "tough to take." Some are listed below:

1. The March 28 meeting was a venting waiting to happen. Confusion, frustration and anger are just some words that identify feelings about the status of our district as felt by district employees and community members. Our district principals are a good group. As pathfinders alternative/adult director, I worked with the principal group regularly and came to know and respect them. They are dedicated to this community and its students.

2. The process used to "non-renew" our principals' contracts was unbecoming and exemplified the paltry level of communication that exists between central administration and groups within the district.

3. Administration waited too long to dismiss Hal Davis as assistant superintendent last year and, as a result, had to pay his 2011-12 salary, thus costing us approximately $100,000.

4. The district currently employs three central administrators. Two of them work from home on some days with one commuting from Fort Wayne, Ind. – it raises questions about the district getting most bang for our buck.

5. There is a perception that the district is being run by Superintendent Mark Daniel and Mr. Seurynck without appropriate regard for the ideas of others.

6. Effective communication is key to organizational success, but that isn't the norm now with the district. Examples of reduced and ineffective communication:

Principals rarely meet as a group, central administrators are rarely in schools, reduced press coverage and reduced committee interaction. Additional example: Pathfinders graduations have offered refreshments following the ceremony. Larry Crandall and Peg Stowers always stayed and socialized with graduates/families. Last year Dr. Daniel didn't bother. He just left.

7. Pathfinders staffing has been reduced, and last summer I emailed Dr. Daniel and volunteered to help as needed. I didn't receive a reply. Other former district employees have made offers of help with no reply either.

Dr. Daniel and Mr. Seurynck talk of closing schools and combining grade levels, and now have announced the date of a bond vote (Aug. 7). Unfortunately, they haven't provided *details* of their proposal.

I have historically voted "yes" for every school funding issue; I want to vote "yes" this next time as well! But, I need information! I also need to know that our administration/board value our community, its students/families and its employees.

I encourage everyone to become involved and ask questions so that we may make correct decisions as we move our district into the future!

Larry Schmidt
Dowagiac

Bangor district's needs are reasonable, affordable

Editor,

Voters in the Bangor school district have the opportunity Tuesday to improve their public school buildings. A 2.9-mill increase is on the ballot to give the district the needed funds to improve all the buildings in the district. Bangor currently has the second lowest millage rate in Van Buren County (only Covert is lower). Even with this bond approval, Bangor would still have the third-lowest millage rate in the county. The bond issue would allow the district to borrow the money from the state to upgrade and repair building deterioration.

The total amount of money to be borrowed is approximately $8 million, which would then allow the district to replace roofs and add additional insulation. To further improve energy bills, electric boilers and pumps would be replaced in all buildings with energy efficient boilers, thus decreasing heating bills and improving the warmth inside the buildings. Exterior doors and windows in the high school will be replaced with new secure, insulated units. Both the high school and middle schools will have new gas service and add gas hot water heaters, as well. The middle school would also replace old lockers and carpet in the hallways.

Since the high school and middle school are now the oldest buildings in our district, they need these building upgrades in order to modernize the units and to stop further deterioration. Forty-five years of repairing the blacktop in the parking lot for both those buildings has resulted in crumbling parking lots and sidewalks. These will be updated, along with the restrooms inside the buildings. The high school kitchen needs new ceilings, drains and floors along with new cafeteria tables. Locker rooms in these buildings will see new lights and ceiling along with proper ventilation and toilet fixtures.

In addition to school building repairs, the stadium will see replacements of a failing retaining wall at the grandstand, replacement of the track surface and remodeling of existing restrooms/concession/ticket sales room, as well as to relocate the entrance to the stadium.

Residents can easily see the importance of these repairs by just visiting the buildings. The school board was directed by the public to cut the amount of an earlier bond and prioritize the most pressing needs. This has been done with building needs cut to the most basic proposal.

Please vote "yes" on Tuesday.

Betty Markel
Bangor

Another opinion

Clinton, LBJ put results ahead of politics

Few political observers have compared the 42nd president of the United States with the 36th. But what former President Bill Clinton intoned recently at West Texas A&M University brought back memories of the late President Lyndon Johnson.

It is this, quite simply: Rigid ideology must not stop progress on behalf of the country.

Clinton told a packed room here that "we can do lots of stuff to grow the economy, but if we spend most of our time making ideological arguments ... we're not having the right debate. We're talking about whether to do something, instead of how to do it."

Bingo, Mr. President.

Clinton helped craft a successful presidency from 1993 until 2001 by working with congressional Republicans who took control of Congress after the landmark 1994 mid-term election. The president's tax policies, coupled with GOP-led spending restraints, helped bring about a balanced budget for several years running.

Does that remind anyone of LBJ? It should.

The Texan also worked well with congressional Republicans. Some of his better friends in the Senate were Republicans, with whom he had a tremendous working relationship, owing in part to LBJ's own time as Senate majority leader. Johnson would fight publicly with Republicans, then work privately with them on ways to reach compromise. ... It's a complicated process at times, which is the very nature of legislating.

Clinton gets it. So did Johnson.

And so should those who serve the nation today.

– Amarillo (Texas) Globe-News

Laws are meant to be applied with common sense

William F. Ast III

This should go without saying, but it doesn't.

Politicians should remember that winning a party majority is not a popular mandate to impose controversial laws on the populace. If those laws are controversial, it's because there is a lot of opposition to them. If that many people oppose a law, maybe it's not a good law.

Imposing controversial laws on people is bad politics and fundamentally unfair to a huge number of voters who will correctly feel that they have been disenfranchised. Politicians have a duty to represent even those people who didn't vote for them. Election to office is not license to run amok.

Remember what happened in Ohio, where a newly elected majority in the Legislature enthusiastically passed a law limiting the collective bargaining rights of public workers. But the politicians hadn't told the electorate they were going to go that far, and voters didn't like it. Last November an outraged electorate repealed the presumptuous measure, 62 percent to 38 percent.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich conceded the people were saying, "...it was too much too soon." No kidding, but it never should have come to that. Politicians should know better.

Please forgive the lecture about how politicians should conduct themselves. I had to get that out of my system because some of my conservative friends have been chortling over the Michigan Board of Canvassers' decision in April to reject petitions that would have forced an election on the Emergency Manager Law.

Even if the decision was correct, it's nothing to giggle about. Well over 200,000 people signed the petitions, more than enough to force a referendum. But the board in a blatantly partisan decision denied the petitioners that right.

Some petition headings evidently had a print size other than the one set down in the law, though it appears there's still some contention over whether there actually was a violation at all. In any case, the two Democrats on the board felt it was a minor violation because the print was clearly legible. The two Republicans said it was still a violation of the law, so they could not approve the petitions.

"We're tied by the letter of the law here, and that's how we have to vote," GOP board member Jeff Timmer said, according to The Associated Press. "Dura lex sed lex," as the Romans would say. The law is hard, but it is the law. Just a coincidence, surely, that this technicality coincided with the GOP position.

The ruling was specious. Laws are meant to be applied with common sense. What's the intent of this law? To make sure the petitions are legible. If the print is legible, then let the vote go forward. If the print size made the petitions illegible, reject them.

Hopefully Timmer speculated whether, if Republicans had been anxious for the petitions to be approved, he would have reached the same decision. But I doubt it.

There was a recent Herald-Palladium editorial on this same subject, criticizing the Board of Canvassers' decision and saying that the citizens should not have been denied their right to a vote.

The editorial noted that the editorial board members felt that way despite being "vigorous supporters" of the emergency manager law. I'm not quite that vigorous a supporter. The most I can say is that I back it in its application to Benton Harbor. In fact, I really don't like the law at all, except that it's a better solution than anything else I can think of, especially the obvious alternative of municipal bankruptcy.

To critics of the law, I keep asking, "If you don't like the emergency manager, then what's your solution?" I've yet to get a reasonable reply.

If the Michigan Board of Canvassers had approved the petitions demanding a vote, PA 4 would have been held in abeyance until the election. That would have complicated things, but too bad.

In the ensuing election, the voters might have voted to repeal the law. While I might believe that would be bad for Benton Harbor, so be it. The voters would have spoken, and the Legislature would have had to come up with a more palatable solution.

As for those who laughed about the Board of Canvassers' decision, well, no one but the defendant and his lawyer likes it when a murderer goes free on a technicality in court. Nor should anyone, no matter how they feel about PA 4, like it when people are denied their right to demand a vote, based on a technicality.

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GUEST COLUMN

The good professor's argument doesn't pass the real-world test

By PERRY BALLARD

MSU Professor Charles Ballard's assertion that "he and other economists he knows don't believe that Michigan's higher tax rates over the decades really drove companies away from the state" ("MSU Prof vs. conventional wisdom," Page 1 article, April 26) reminds me of an old story.

A young man was trying to convince an elder minor league baseball manager into adding him to the team. "How's your fielding?" asked the manager. "100 percent," said the young man. "Your throwing?" "100 percent." "Your hitting?" "99 percent."

Immediately, the manager asked, "Why the 1 percent drop-off?" Rather embarrassed, the young man replied, "Well, I took baseball as a correspondence course and missed a comma in the final essay on hitting."

Professor Ballard has impressive credentials – a Princeton undergraduate degree and master's and doctorate degrees from Stanford, a long list of government and nonprofit positions, plus an impressive list of articles, books and interviews on various aspects of economics. But there is no mention of ever starting or running a business. No experience in making a profit.

He's never had to find a prospect and turn him into a customer. Never had to produce a product or service efficiently enough to meet a market price. Never had to pay employees a salary and cover all mandated "withdrawals." Never had to produce a profit (yes, a profit) on his total investment of training people, buying materials, shipping products, etc. – a profit that just might exceed the 2 percent return he could get by safely putting $100,000 in a CD with no risk whatsoever. And he's never had to pay Michigan Single Business (SBT) tax, which we were all forced to pay whether we made one dollar profit or not.

To his surprise, we've had an uptick in people moving businesses in and in starting businesses since the SBT was repealed. And as far as the auto industry (and steel and construction and other industries) losing shares of business, why do you think the "Michigan Three" and all the foreign share-grabber auto companies are building new plants outside Michigan? Is it because they enjoy flying to review plant operations first-hand? Do they want their "skilled labor force" to shrink Detroit to half its former size and move to a state where there are factories that can actually use their skills?

No worries. Michigan is a strong farming state and an empty Detroit creates some available in-city farm land.

A does not lead to B and C.

Another small problem as well with Ballard's facile A-B-C connection – "cut taxes, lay off people and let buildings crumble." Cutting taxes on businesses lets businesses keep more of what they do with income: pay suppliers (who employ people), improve their equipment or expand facilities (which employs people), increase dividends (to investors who spend that money on what they want – which employs people), and/or pay wages and bonuses so employees can use that money for what they want (which employs more people). If you want to talk about wage unfairness, go for it. But don't blame profits. Profits keep people employed and let business expand; taxes reduce private sector employment.

Generally, when taxes are cut, lay-offs should strike government employees because there isn't money to pay them. But government doesn't think like business. Government can't close, so they devise other taxes or just borrow until they can't any more. (Have you heard of Greece, the fountain of democratic thinking? Small "d".)

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Finally, the ultimate objective of this talk is revealed in the warning that we shouldn't cut funds for education – which coincidentally is where Ballard is employed. Other academic economists have published studies that show increased dollars do not equate to increased performance – other than in educator happiness. One would think two weeks off at Christmas, a week of spring break, a multi-month summer vacation and beyond-private-sector health care and retirement benefits might be enough. But there is no way to satisfy the need for "better."

Everyone wants "better." "Better" for a state government employee is more people to serve, which creates a larger staff to handle the "workload" and presents an opportunity to be promoted into management. "Better" is also increased tax income. Even if their percentage of the budget stays the same, it is more dollars from a larger pot.

It's a wonderful world when (extended) government employees come out to keep you informed and clarify your thinking.

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Was this Obama's 'Mission Accomplished' moment?

AP photo

Marine Gen. John R. Allen, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, introduces President Obama before he addresses troops at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, last week.

Doyle McManus

We're far enough away from it now that we can probably all agree: It was a mistake for George W. Bush to land on that aircraft carrier in a flight suit to proclaim "Mission Accomplished." And not just because the war in Iraq was far from over at that point.

Every president crows about his successes in war – assuming he has anything to crow about. But he should try to seem modest and statesmanlike while doing so.

President Obama should have reminded himself of that lesson last week as he prepared to fly to Afghanistan to observe the anniversary of Osama bin Laden's death. The president didn't actually use the words "mission accomplished," but he came pretty close.

Obama and his campaign managed to turn the anniversary of bin Laden's death into a weeklong celebration of the president-as-tough-guy. And they're celebrating in a distinctly partisan way, suggesting that Mitt Romney would not have made the same decision.

The impulse is understandable. Ever since Obama took office, the GOP has accused him of being weak. Romney and other Republicans have painted him as a peacenik, as soft on defense, as a leader who makes preemptive concessions to tougher-minded adversaries. And these portrayals have persisted despite Obama's refusal to play the part. Not only did he order the death of bin Laden, he also approved relentless campaigns of drone strikes against suspected terrorists in Pakistan and Yemen and tripled the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Still, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden would have done better not to turn the anniversary of Obama's death into an attack on Romney. It wasn't presidential, and it wasn't even necessary. The president deserved credit for a gutsy decision, but by the time he got to Kabul, his campaign had turned it into another cable television food-fight.

And that micro-debate overshadowed a far more important foreign policy (and campaign) message of Obama's trip to Kabul: The president is keeping his promise to wind down the unpopular wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The tide has turned," Obama said in Kabul. "The goal that I set – to defeat al-Qaida and deny it a chance to rebuild – is within reach." And so, he promised, thousands of troops will come home from Afghanistan this summer and fall – a good-news story that will recur long after the anniversary of bin Laden's death has faded.

His success in the fight against al-Qaida even emboldened him to try out a metaphor that hasn't been heard in decades: It's morning in America.

After "a decade under the dark cloud of war ... we can see the light of a new day on the horizon," he said. "As we emerge from a decade of conflict abroad and economic crisis at home, it is time to renew America – an America ... where sunlight glistens off soaring new towers in downtown Manhattan."

To a remarkable degree, Obama has won the debate on Afghanistan. There are still Republican critics, led by Sen. John S. McCain, R-Ariz., who say the troop withdrawals are too fast and warn that the Taliban is simply waiting us out. Their position is reasonable and defensible, but it collides with a public that is sick and tired of the war and its costs. An ABC News-Washington Post poll this month found that 66 percent of adults say the war has not been worth fighting – and that included 55 percent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents.

Indeed, Afghanistan was one issue you didn't hear Mitt Romney talk about this week, perhaps because his positions aren't likely to win many votes beyond his existing base of national security conservatives.

Romney has called for delaying troop withdrawals until at least the end of the year and has said he would stay in Afghanistan as long as it took to "defeat the Taliban." Moreover, Romney has denounced Obama for seeking negotiations with the insurgents, even though the Afghan government (and McCain, for that matter) supports the talks as a way to bring the war to an end.

It's no wonder the Romney camp was bent out of shape last week. Not only did Obama challenge his opponent's manliness; he also kept the nation focused on Afghanistan rather than on the sorry state of the economy, where Romney stands a better chance of scoring points.

Obama has every right to point out the progress he's made in the fight against al-Qaida and the promises he's kept in Afghanistan and Iraq. And he's got every right to challenge Romney for apparent inconsistencies.

But that's what campaign debates are for. When the president wants to commemorate an act of military valor, he should keep politics out of the mix.

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Put an end to IRS taxes on dead soldiers' debts

By SCOTT BARKER

In February 2011, Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Carpenter was shot and killed while on patrol in Afghanistan.

A lending company subsequently forgave the student loan taken out by Carpenter, a native of Columbia, Tenn., but now his parents are on the hook for a $28,000 tax bill.

Rep. Scott DesJarlais, R-Tenn., is outraged. He is sponsoring a bill that would prevent the Internal Revenue Service from taxing loans that are forgiven after service members die.

The Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act is one bill that all members of both parties can and should support.

"It is a fitting way to fix a glaring problem in our tax code, while paying tribute to the memory of Lance Cpl. Carpenter," DesJarlais said. "His family has experienced the pain of losing their son, husband and father. Hopefully, if passed, this measure will in some way ease this burden."

Three years before he died, Carpenter, 27, took out a $20,000 student loan. His parents co-signed.

A member of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Carpenter was on patrol in southern Afghanistan when he was shot by a sniper. He died of his wounds in Germany on Feb. 19, 2011.

The lending company forgave the student loan after being notified of Carpenter's death.

The IRS, however, treated the forgiven loan as it always does: as income.

Student loans backed by the federal government are forgiven for deceased veterans. Private lenders have the option of waiving student loans for them. The Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act would not change that.

The remedy would be applied to the IRS. When credit card balances, student loans and other types of debt are forgiven, the IRS considers the amount owed to be taxable income. In the case of people who are deceased, the heirs – or, as in Carpenter's case, co-signers – are responsible for the tax. The bill essentially would forgive the tax owed.

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DesJarlais' bill won't bring Carpenter back. His parents and wife still will grieve. But passage of the bill will give them a small amount of relief and would represent a token of appreciation for their sacrifice.

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Prime Time TV

SUNDAY EVENING MAY 6

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ABC (7)(8)(41)(57)	Funny Videos	Once Upon a Time (N) ᴴᴰ		:01 Desperate Housewives (N)		:01 GCB "Revelation" ᴴᴰ	
CBS (2)(10)(22)	:00 60 Minutes	The Amazing Race ((F)) The teams race to the finish line. (N) ᴴᴰ				NYC 22 "Lost and Found" (N) ᴴᴰ	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	:00 Dateline NBC	Harry's Law "Class War" (N) ᴴᴰ		The Celebrity Apprentice "Blown Away" Celebrities create a print ad campaign. (N)			
FOX (17)(28)(32)	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) ᴴᴰ	
PBS (9)	Finding Roots	Finding Your Roots-Henry Louis Gates		Masterpiece Mystery! Blackmail case involves a dominatrix.		America Prime	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	★★★ Chicago ('02, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger.				News	Love-Raymond
MNT (36)	:00 House ᴴᴰ	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	How I Met	How I Met
WCIU (26)	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Paid Program	House of Payne	House of Payne	Meet the Browns
WHME (46)	Cooking With	Paid Program	Jack Van Impe	LeSea in Action	Faith, Family	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program
WSBT (22)	NUMB3RS ᴴᴰ	★★ The Truth About Love ('05) Jennifer Love Hewitt, Dougray Scott.				News	Buck McNeely
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	6:00 ★★★★ A League of Their Own ('92) Tom Hanks.			The Killing "Keyleta" (N) ᴴᴰ		Mad Men Peggy is keeping a secret. (N)	
Animal	Tanked	Swamp Wars (N)		River Monsters		River Monsters (N)	
BET	★ The Marriage Chronicles ('12) Jazsmin Lewis.					Game	Together
Big Ten	Track	Diamond	College Baseball Nebraska at Indiana.				
Bravo	Don't Be Tardy	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		The Real Housewives of New Jersey		The Real Housewives of New Jersey	
Cartoon	Monster	Adven	Adven	King/Hill	King/Hill	Chicken	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:00 ★ X-Men 2	:15 ★ + Your Highness ('11) Danny McBride, James Franco. (P) ᴴᴰ				★★★ Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves.	
CMT	Road	:05 ★★★ Urban Cowboy ('80) John Travolta, Debra Winger.					
CNBC	Wall St.	Fat & Fatter		Cocaine Cowboys			
CNN	Newsr'm	CNN Presents ᴴᴰ		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N) ᴴᴰ	
Comedy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Between	The Comedy Awards (N) ᴴᴰ			
CSNC	SportsNet	Poker		Heartland Poker		World Poker Tour	
Discovery	:00 Myth-Busters	MythBusters "Swinging Pendulums" ᴴᴰ		MythBusters "Revenge of the Myth"		MythBusters "Dodge a Bullet" ᴴᴰ	
Disney	Jessie	Good	Good	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Shake It
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Encore	Anger Manage.	★★★ The Other Guys ('10, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. ᴴᴰ				9:50 ★★ Godzilla ('98) ᴴᴰ	
ESPN	Baseball	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals. (L)					
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing					World, Poker	
ESPNC	Endless	Charismatic ᴴᴰ		Whirlaway ᴴᴰ		Charismatic ᴴᴰ	
Family	6:00 ★★★ The Blind Side ('09) Sandra Bullock.			★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw.			
Food	Chopped	Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped All-Stars		Iron Chef America	
Fox News	Report	Huckabee (N)		Fox News Sunday		Geraldo at Large (N)	
Fox Sports	Poker	World Poker Tour		UFC Unleashed (N)		Barfly	Wingspan
FX	Incredible Hulk	★★★ Iron Man ('08, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard. A billionaire dons an armored suit to fight criminals.					
G4	Bomb	Bomb Patrol		Bomb Patrol		Bomb Patrol	
Golf	PGA Tour Golf				PGA Tour Golf		
Hallmark	Taste Romance	★ The Magic of Ordinary Days ('05, Drama) Keri Russell, Skeet Ulrich. ᴴᴰ				Frasier ᴴᴰ	Frasier ᴴᴰ
HBO	6:30 ★★ Robin Hood ('10) Russell Crowe. ᴴᴰ			Game of Thrones (N) ᴴᴰ		Veep (N) ᴴᴰ	Girls (N) ᴴᴰ
History	Ax Men	Ax Men ᴴᴰ		Ax Men (N) ᴴᴰ		:01 Swamp People	
HGTV	Holmes	Best of Holmes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection	
Learning	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Gypsy Wedding	
Lifetime	:00 ★★ Chloe ('09) ᴴᴰ			Army Wives (N)		The Client List (N)	
MSNBC	Caught	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		The Mind of Manson	
MTV	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Ridic.	Strangers	Pauly D	Pauly D
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Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Joanna Hayes" ᴴᴰ		Snapped "Jennifer Bowen" (N) ᴴᴰ		Bent Ink Pet-themed tattoos. ᴴᴰ	
Showtime	:00 The Borgias ᴴᴰ	The Big C ᴴᴰ	Nurse Jackie	Nurse Jackie (N)	The Big C (N) ᴴᴰ	The Borgias "The Choice" (N) ᴴᴰ	
Spike	★★ The Day After Tomorrow			★★★ Cloverfield ('08) (P).			
Starz	6:18 ★ Salt ('10)	Magic City "Suicide Blonde" ᴴᴰ		★★★ Moneyball ('11, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill. ᴴᴰ			
SyFy	:00 ★ Thirteen Ghosts ('01, Horror) Tony Shalhoub.			★ One Missed Call ('08, Horror) Shannyn Sossamon, Ed Burns. (P).			
TBS	★ Rush Hour 3	★★★ Ocean's Thirteen ('07) George Clooney, Danny Ocean and his gang seek to right a wrong. ᴴᴰ					Ocean's Thirteen
TCM	6:00 ★ Marty	★★★ Harry and Tonto ('74, Drama) Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn. ᴴᴰ				★★ Bell, Book and Candle	
TMC	:00 ★★ Raw Deal ('86) Arnold Schwarzenegger. ᴴᴰ			★★ Drive Angry ('11, Action) Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard. (P). ᴴᴰ			
TNT	NBA Basketball: Hawks at Celtics				NBA Basketball		
Travel	Sand M.	Hotel Impossible		Bggg	Bggg	David Blaine: Magic	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Tough	Mob Wives (N) ᴴᴰ		Tough Love		Mob Wives ᴴᴰ	
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News at Nine	Instant Replay

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Dom Flemons (from left), Rhiannon Giddens and Hubby Jenkins, better known as The Carolina Chocolate Drops, perform Monday at The Acorn Theater in Three Oaks.

Something old, something new

Carolina Chocolate Drops continue to bring fresh take to old-time sounds

By JEREMY D. BONFIGLIO
H-P Features Writer

THREE OAKS — Dom Flemons and his Carolina Chocolate Drops band mates hadn't heard of Suzanne Collins' young adult novel "The Hunger Games" when legendary producer T Bone Burnett called to see if the Durham, N.C.-based string band was interested in contributing a song to the movie soundtrack.

"The direction was to try to write Appalachian music from 300 years in the future," Flemons says by telephone while en route to a gig in Madison, Wis. "So we all read the book and came up with 'Daughter's Lament.'"

Since the film's release in March, Flemons, who organizes the band's YouTube page in addition to playing the four-string banjo, jug, and bones, has noticed a sudden influx of new fans.

"You know you hit a good mark when other people want to perform your music," Flemons says. "And I've seen several cover versions of that song being posted from different young girls. Not since we first started doing 'Cornbread and Butterbeans' have I really seen that sort of reaction to the music."

That's saying something given the recent success of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, who perform Monday at The Acorn Theater in Three Oaks. Since winning the Grammy Award in February 2011 for Best Traditional Folk Album with "Genuine Negro Jig," Flemons and fellow multi-instrumentalists Rhiannon Giddens and Hubby Jenkins have continued to attract a fervent following by expanding on old-time, fiddle and banjo-based music rooted in, and very reverent to, the traditional African-American string band sound of generations ago. Even their name is a tip of the hat to the Tennessee Chocolate Drops, three black brothers – Howard, Martin and Bogan Armstrong – who lit up the music scene in the 1930s.

"As people performing in 2012 it's important to play music that's relevant and play them in a way that is relevant to our audiences," Flemons says. "That's something we try to do in a lot of our techniques and we try to make sure it's the best arrangement we can make. At the same time, it's extremely important for us not to dumb down the music. When people are hearing these songs, we want them to still hear what was good about the music in the first place."

That's never been more evident than on the band's new album, "Leaving Eden," which was released on Feb. 28, and produced by Buddy Miller, who has worked with everyone from Emmylou Harris to Solomon Burke and Robert Plant. Although the record marks the departure of Justin Robinson and the addition of Jenkins, the 15-track compilation of newly composed originals, traditional jigs, and vintage tunes from the Sea Islands and South Africa, only expands on the Drops' already rich sound.

"We came into it wanting to catch a lot more of our live sound on the record," Flemons says. "We tried to reach for that just a little bit more. Buddy really helped us to be a lot less stylized, and he also gave us the space to make the record happen. We were in the middle of reconfiguring the group and trying to figure out how the material was going to be and how to capture the sound."

In addition to Flemons, Giddens and Jenkins, the Drops also augmented their sound with contributions from human beatboxer Adam Matta, of New York City's Romanian gypsy punk band Luminescent Orchestrii, and cellist Leyla McCalla, who is currently touring with the band.

Giddens proudly sings about her rural background on the original track "Country Girl," and the band revives songs popularized by 1920s pop great Ethel Waters ("No Man's Mama"),

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IF YOU GO

▶ **WHAT:** The Carolina Chocolate Drops with Bhi Bhiman opening

▶ **WHEN:** 8 p.m. Monday

▶ **WHERE:** The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks

▶ **HOW MUCH:** $30

▶ **CONTACT:** 756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

▶ **ARTIST INFO:** www.carolinachocolatedrops.com

In brief

'TROVE' exhibit opens Monday at The Livery

BENTON HARBOR — "TROVE (TRansit Of VEnus)," a new exhibition that celebrates the celestial event in which the planet Venus drifts across the face of the sun, opens at 4 p.m. Monday in the Mezzanine Gallery space at The Livery, 190 Fifth St.

Artists will explore topics such as the sun, moon, stars, planets, new worlds and mythology relating to Venus.

A celebration party will take place from sunset to midnight on June 5, which will be the final transit of Venus to occur in most of our lifetimes.

The exhibit will be on display through June 30. Admission is free.

For more information, email dayledavid@comcast.net or visit www.transitofvenus.org.

Umbrellas of Harbert event seeking artists

HARBERT — The Harbert Business Association is seeking artists interested in participating in the annual summer-long Umbrellas of Harbert event.

Artists will receive a 9-foot market umbrella to design an original work of art. The umbrellas will be displayed by sponsoring businesses along Red Arrow Highway throughout the summer, and on Aug. 18, they will be sold at a charity auction that will take place at the Center of the Word Showroom, 13400 Red Arrow Highway.

This year a portion of the proceeds from each sale will also go back to the artist.

For more information, call 612-7308 or visit www.harbert-michigan.com.

Auditions for new play set for today, Monday

SAUGATUCK — Auditions for the new comedy "The Jericho Street Parables" written by local playwright Paul Alan Gunneman will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. tonight and 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at The Red Barn Theater, 3657 63rd St.

The play intertwines and updates the parables "The Good Samaritan," "The Prodigal Son" and "The Five Foolish Women" into one heartfelt fable. Director Patricia Huyge seeks five females (four ages 16 or older, one age 45 or older) and eight males (six ages 16 and older, and two ages 45 and older).

Show times are 7 p.m. Sept. 28-29, Oct. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

For more information, call 857-5300.

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Appalachian singer-songwriter Hazel Dickens ("Pretty Bird") and Grand Ole Opry performer Cousin Emmy ("Ruby, Are You Mad At Your Man?"). Other highlights include the title track, penned by North Carolina songwriter Laurelynn Dossett; Flemons and Jenkins' instrumental arrangement of the South African folk song "Mahalla"; and "Riro's House," from the band's longtime mentor, old-time fiddler Joe Thompson, who died on Feb. 20 at age 93.

"Without Joe we wouldn't be a band in the first place," Flemons says. "His influence has stayed with us, which is why we started off the album with a song we learned from him."

Between the buzz from their "Hunger Games" contribution and "Leaving Eden," the Drops have also contributed the track "Political World" to Amnesty International's "Chimes of Freedom: The Songs of Bob Dylan" released in January; "Pretty Little Girl" on The Chieftains' 50th anniversary album, "Voice of Ages," released in February; and "Lights in the Valley" on "Mercyland: Hymns for the Rest of Us," released on April 24.

"Yeah, we've done a lot of single track contributions recently," Flemons says. "And I'm always finding something new to do. I buy a lot of CDs and records. Spotify (a Web-based streaming music service) is another good thing. Sometimes we get songs from different musicians we know or old sheet music written in the mid-1800s in songbooks. I mean, just really anywhere, which is good because I'm always listening for something to make new."

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BRIEFS

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Grand Funk Railroad tickets now on sale

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Tickets are now on sale for Grand Funk Railroad's 9 p.m. May 19 concert date in the Stardust Event Center at the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa, 777 Blue Chip Drive.

Formed in Flint in 1969, Grand Funk Railroad laid the groundwork for bands such as Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi with its hard-driving sound, soulful vocals and memorable melodies. They are best known for the songs "We're an American Band," "I'm Your Captain/Closer to Home," "Locomotion" and "Some Kind of Wonderful."

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Course prep

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Brad Fry, grounds superintendent for The Golf Club at Harbor Shores, is working with PGA officials on the setup of the course for the Senior PGA Championship.

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Kerry Haigh, Director of Championships for the PGA, is in charge of setting up The Golf Club at Harbor Shores for the upcoming Senior PGA Championship.

PGA, golf superintendent says Harbor Shores coming into form for Senior PGA Championship

By BEN SANDERS
H-P Sports Writer

BENTON HARBOR — As Director of Championships for the PGA of America, Kerry Haigh is responsible for making sure golf courses are up to the highest standards for the PGA's tournaments.

For the 2012 Senior PGA Championship, to be held May 22-27 at The Golf Club at Harbor Shores, Haigh feels the course is already pretty close to the mark.

"That's one of the great things about the golf course, and why we're here," Haigh said. "The golf course offers great challenges for the average amateur golfer who wants to play day in, day out. That same golf course can be set up basically under the same conditions, with a very similar green speed, same fairway width and a very similar rough for the best senior players in the world. That's a credit to the golf course.

"Now it's likely that the championship players will probably score a little lower than the average amateur, of course."

Haigh has been working closely with course superintendent Brad Fry in preparation for the event. Fry has been at Harbor Shores since 2008, when construction was still in progress.

"The great thing for us from the championship standpoint is that Brad was involved from the construction side," Haigh said. "He knows pretty much all the history and the back-

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Yes, 'I'll Have Another'

Final furlong lifts horse to Kentucky Derby win

By BETH HARRIS
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — I'll Have Another looked like just another horse at the Kentucky Derby.

Until the final furlong, that is.

That's when the chestnut colt — sold for a paltry $11,000, ridden by a rookie jockey hardly anyone knew and stuck in an outside post — blazed past highly regarded Bodemeister to win by 1 1-2 lengths on Saturday, beating one of the deepest fields in years.

I'll Have Another stormed out of post No. 19 — the first winner from there in 138 runnings of the Derby — and bided his time back in mid-pack while Bodemeister set a blistering pace on a muggy, 85-degree afternoon at Churchill Downs.

"He's an amazing horse. I kept telling everybody, from the first time I met him, I knew he was the one. I knew he was good," jockey Mario Gutierrez said. "I said in an interview, even if they allowed me to pick from the whole rest of the field, I would have stayed with him, 100 percent, no doubt about it."

Making his Derby debut at 25, Gutierrez got his chance to ride I'll Have Another after trainer Doug O'Neill and owner J. Paul Reddam happened to see him at Santa Anita.

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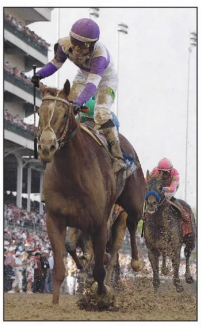

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Jockey Mario Gutierrez rides I'll Have Another to victory in the 138th Kentucky Derby on Saturday.

Duane Burleson / AP

Chicago's Adam Dunn watches his two-run home run in the ninth inning of Saturday's game against Detroit.

Dunn comes through in 9th

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — A day after losing to Detroit on a ninth-inning homer, Adam Dunn and the Chicago White Sox returned the favor.

Chicago 3 Detroit 2

Dunn hit a two-run shot deep into the right-field seats off Jose Valverde in the ninth Saturday and Chicago went on to beat the Tigers 3-2.

Detroit defeated the White Sox 5-4 on Friday night when Jhonny Peralta hit a two-run shot with one out in the ninth. There was also one out when Dunn hit his 422-foot drive off Valverde (2-1).

"We needed to win this game today," Dunn said. "I definitely didn't want to chase anything — just got a pitch that I could get in the air and it happened to go out."

Nate Jones (1-0) got the win and Addison Reed came on to strike out Austin Jackson with runners on second and third for the final out.

It was Reed's first career save.

Detroit's Delmon Young went hitless in his first game back from a seven-day suspension following his April 27 arrest in New York.

It was Valverde's second blown save of the season. He was perfect in 49 chances in 2011.

"Last year is over," Valverde said. "The closer, everybody knows, it's not easy. One pitch can be the game, like it was today. Adam Dunn got it."

Dunn endured a horrendous 2011 season, his first with the White Sox. After hitting at least 38 homers for seven straight years, he managed only 11 last season to go along with a .159 batting average.

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ground — where things are, why they are, what they are."

Fry hasn't been involved in preparations for a major championship before, but said it doesn't change the way he approaches his job.

"We strive for perfection every day," Fry said. "That's what we're trying to do for this tournament."

The two have been planning for the event for more than two years. Last spring, Haigh visited the course to observe Fry's work and begin formulating a plan for this spring.

"We kind of looked at things based on the practices that Brad normally does on a normal spring," Haigh said. "We saw what needed to be adjusted from that so it would be in its very best condition in late May.

"From a greens standpoint, you tend not to have the extreme heat. The greens tend to not be under stress from that standpoint. They're a little more challenged on the front end to get them in the conditioning that you want based on how early or late the spring is. Customarily, the rough growing (too) rough at that time of year is not a major concern."

Fry said this year's unusually warm spring has helped with the process of "waking the golf course up," although he was prepared to deal with any sort of weather.

"We would've just made the necessary steps to make it happen," Fry said. "We have a date, and we're going to try to peak at that date. We're real fortunate with good weather this spring to help us along."

Of course, there are no guarantees the conditions will continue to cooperate.

"The biggest unknown is the weather," Haigh said. "We can do everything as well as we can do it, but if the week of the event we get heavy rain and winds and it's not very pleasant, it's not as much fun for everyone."

The golf course will continue to be open to the public until May 16. After that, the course will be roped off for spectators. Grandstands, leaderboards, concessions and restrooms will be put in place, and any final adjustments needed will be made.

Fry will have plenty of help that week. The tournament has 72 volunteers – mostly superintendents, assistants and grounds crew from nearby courses – who have offered their services.

"It's been a pleasure to have so many people want to help us out, give us a hand and be part of this," Fry said. "They'll be helping us with the bunkers, filling divots, even some mowing, wherever we need them.

"I'm honored to be part of this project. It's been a fun project since day one. To be able to host an event like this, for me and the community, it's great."

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"I don't know if he won or not, but he really looked good in the irons to me," said Reddam, who owns CashCall, a lending company in Anaheim, Calif. "I said, 'We need to try some new blood.'"

It was another chapter in Gutierrez's unusual route to the Derby winner's circle. He followed in his father's footsteps as a jockey, getting on quarterhorses in Veracruz, Mexico, at 14.

After a stint in Canada, he eventually started getting noticed on the West Coast, especially after winning the Santa Anita Derby last month.

"Top trainers, top owners, of course, they're not going to know anything about me," he said.

Still, Gutierrez was largely a mystery to the record crowd of 165,307, who didn't know 15-1 shot I'll Have Another or the jockey had the right stuff until the 20-horse field turned for home. That's when Gutierrez, who moved up between horses around the final turn, positioned his colt not far from the rail and set him down to run.

"I know my horse was reaching every single step of the way, but I wasn't going to stop riding until I was passing the wire," he said. "That is when the horse race is finished."

I'll Have Another overhauled a tiring Bodemeister to win by 1 1-2 lengths. He paid $32.60, $13.80 and $9. He ran 1¼ miles in 2:01.83.

Bodemeister, trained by three-time Derby winner Bob Baffert, was second and returned $6.20 and $5.60 as the 4-1 favorite. Dullahan was a neck back in third and paid $7.20 to show.

O'Neill didn't waste any time vowing that I'll Have Another will go on to the Preakness in two weeks.

"Maryland, here we come, baby!" he said.

They'll go to Pimlico as one of the favorites as a result of I'll Have Another's Derby win and his catchy name.

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In brief

AYSO team seeks donations for trip

AYSO Region 574 is sending a team of 12 girls to Knoxville, Tenn. to participate in the AYSO National Games in July in the U12 Girls division.

AYSO Region 574, based in St. Joseph, is holding a silent auction at Maiden Lane Community Park from now until Saturday. Times are from 6 to 8 p.m. today through Friday, and will end at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, contact coach Dan Kurth at 556-7003 or coach John Babin at 313-1337.

Badgers' Ball ticketed at Mifflin Street party

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Madison police say Wisconsin running back Montee Ball has been ticketed for trespassing during the annual Mifflin Street block party.

Police spokesman Joel DeSpain says Ball was on the porch of home Saturday and a resident didn't want him there.

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel report says several Mifflin St. residents have posted no-trespassing signs this year, allowing police to issue tickets if unwanted people are on the property.

DeSpain says Ball was cooperative, and alcohol wasn't an issue. The junior was given a $429 ticket.

Justin Doherty, the school's associate athletic director, says coach Bret Bielema will likely have a conversation with his star running back over the incident.

Ryan OK with son playing football

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — New York Jets coach Rex Ryan "absolutely" would like his son to continue playing football despite him suffering a concussion last season in high school.

Asked Saturday after the Jets' second rookie minicamp practice about how some NFL players have said they'd rather their children not play the game in light of Junior Seau's death, Ryan said he's "proud that my kid plays."

Ryan said his son Seth, a cornerback and wide receiver for Summit High School, suffered a concussion while playing in a game.

"That's part of it," Ryan said. "But, you know, I mean, we are so much further along now.

"Obviously, you have concerns when that happens, but it's just one of those things, an unfortunate part of the game," Ryan said. "It does happen occasionally, but I truly think everybody's working to try to get this thing minimized."

Airwaves

Television today

7:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Open de Espana, Final Round. From Seville, Spain. (Live)
8:00 a.m. (Speed) **MotoGP Racing** World Championship: Portugal. From Estoril. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (17) (28) (32) **NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup: Aaron's 499. From Talladega Superspeedway. (Live) 🎧 CC
(Bigten) **College Baseball** Nebraska at Indiana. (Live)
(ESPN2) **2011 World Series of Poker** Main Event. From Las Vegas. CC
1:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Philadelphia 76ers. Eastern Conference First-Round, game 4. (Live) CC
(Csnch) (FoxSports) **MLB Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Softball** Texas at Oklahoma. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Wells Fargo Championship, Final Round. From Charlotte, N.C. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Cycling** Giro d'Italia. (Taped) 🎧 CC
(9B) (9C) **MLB Baseball** Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs. (Live) 🎧 CC
(TBS) **MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals. (Live) CC
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Wells Fargo Championship, Final Round. From Charlotte, N.C. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** St. Louis Blues at Los Angeles Kings. Western Conference Semifinal, game 4. (Live) 🎧 CC
(ESPN) **Billiards** 2011 World Cup of Trick Shots. From Uncasville, Conn. CC
3:30 p.m. (7) (13) (26) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Miami Heat at New York Knicks. Eastern Conference First-Round, game 4. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **NHRA Drag Racing** Lucas Oil Series. From Baytown, Texas. (Taped) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **NHRA Drag Racing** Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals. From Commerce, Ga. (Same-day Tape) CC
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics. Eastern Conference First-Round, game 4. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at New Jersey Devils. Eastern Conference Semifinal, game 4. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLB Baseball** Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. Western Conference First-Round, game 4. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2011 World Series of Poker** Main Event. From Las Vegas. CC

Monday

1:00 p.m. (9B) (9C) **MLB Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians. Game one of a doubleheader. (Live) 🎧 CC
(NBCSports) **Hockey** IIHF World Championships: USA vs. Slovakia. (Live)
2:55 p.m. (ESPN2) **English Premier League Soccer** Blackburn Rovers FC vs. Wigan Athletic. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Csnch) **MLB Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians. Game two of a doubleheader. (Live)
(ESPN) **MLB Baseball** New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Washington Capitals at New York Rangers. Eastern Conference Semifinal, game 5. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)
10:00 p.m. (FoxSports) **MLB Baseball** Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Nashville Predators at Phoenix Coyotes. Western Conference Semifinal, game 5. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Playoffs, First Round: Memphis Grizzlies at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live)

Radio today

1 p.m.
MLB — White Sox at Tigers (WCSY-FM, 103.7 and WSJM-AM, 1400 and WSCR-AM, 670)
NBA — Bulls at 76ers (WMVP-AM, 1000)
2:20 p.m.
MLB — Dodgers at Cubs (WGN-AM, 720)

Monday

1 p.m.
MLB — White Sox at Indians, first game (WSCR-AM, 670)
7 p.m.
MLB — White Sox at Indians, second game (WSCR-AM, 670)
8 p.m.
MLB — Braves at Cubs (WGN-AM, 720)
10 p.m.
MLB — Tigers at Mariners (WCSY-FM, 103.7 and WSJM-AM, 1400)

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High school scoreboard

Softball

Wayland Invitational
Championship game
Lakeshore 10, Grandville 2
Lakeshore 140 110 3 — 10 14 2
Grandville 000 100 1 — 2 6 1
WP — Megan Hiler. LP — Nelson.
Top hitters — Lakeshore: Haley Thibeault 3b, 2b, 2 rbi; Kaitlyn Cornell 3 1b; Alex Forsythe 2 1b; Morgan Brown 2 1b.

Lakeshore 7, Wayland 4
Lakeshore 120 021 1 — 7 11 1
Wayland 310 000 0 — 4 8 1
WP — Haley Thibeault. LP — Townssen.
Top hitters — Lakeshore: Haley Thibeault 2 1b; Heather Gusse 2b; Morgan Brown 3 1b.

Lakeshore 5, Lakewood 3
Lakewood 000 030 0 — 3 4 1
Lakeshore 102 020 x — 5 6 1
WP — Megan Hiler (13k). LP — Hilley.
Top hitters — Lakeshore: Alex Forsythe 2 2b; Heather Gusse 3b; Casey Turney 2b.

Swan Valley 3, St. Joseph 2
St. Joseph 000 200 0 — 2 3 0
Swan Valley 102 000 0 — 3 4 3
LP — Rachael Knapp (15k).
Top hitters — St. Joseph: Jessie Fratzke RBI 1b.

Lakeside 13, St. Joseph 3
St. Joseph 200 01 — 3 4 3
Lakeside 130 72 — 13 9 2
LP — Jessica Boyd.

St. Joseph 6, Lakewood 0
St. Joseph 140 100 0 — 6 8 0
Lakewood 000 000 0 — 0 2 1
WP — Rachael Knapp (17k).
Top hitters — St. Joseph: Knapp 2 1b; Ashlyn Lieberg 2b, 2 1b.
Record — St. Joseph 8-7; Lakeshore 20-2.

Otsego Invitational
Championship
Coloma 17, Wyoming Rogers 0
Coloma 203 86 — 17 14 0
Rogers 000 00 — 0 5 3
WP — Emily Najacht (5k). LP — Bailey.
Top hitters — Coloma: Chelsea Carotenuto HR, 1b; Jenna Faultersack 3b, 2b; amanda Swihart 2 2b; Lexi Summers 2 1b, 3b; Katy Scheuer 2 1b.
Records — Coloma 21-1-1.

Coloma 12, Hamilton 0
Coloma 404 04 — 12 8 0
Hamilton 000 00 — 0 2 3
WP — Najacht. LP — Nicole Gamdy.
Top hitters — Coloma: Megan Garrod 2 3b, 1b, 3 RBIs; Amanda Swihart HR, 2 RBIs; Lexi Summers 3b; Katy Scheuer HR, 3 RBIs.

Coloma 5, Edwardsburg 3
Edw. 000 002 1 — 3 7 0
Coloma 310 001 x — 5 8 1
WP — Emily Najacht (6k). LP — Blough.
Top hitters — Edwardsburg: Williams 2 1b; Laplace 2b; Hurst 2b. Coloma: Jenna Faultersack 2 1b; Emily Najacht 2b; Megan Garrod 2 1b.

Buchanan Round Robin
Buchanan 9, Centreville 3
Centreville 000 030 0 — 3 5 6
Buchanan 131 202 x — 9 6 1
WP — Kaitlynn Enders. LP — Rice.
Top hitters — Buchanan: Erin Glavin 2 1b, 2b; Brittany Schmidt 2b.
Portage Northern 7, Buchanan 6
Northern 110 102 2 — 7 12 5
Buchanan 300 201 0 — 6 10 5
WP — Dentler, LP — Enders.
Top hitters — Buchanan: Schmidt 3 1b, 3 RBI; Glavin 2 1b; Ashley Hicks 2 1b, 2 RBIs.
Record — Buchanan 9-7

Brandywine Round Robin
Lawrence 4, Brandywine 3
Brandywine 300 000 0 — 3 7 2
Lawrence 002 020 x — 4 7 1
WP — Ashley Butler. LP — Mikayla Kenya.
Top hitters — Brandywine: Kelly Harper 2b, 1b. Lawrence: Sara Curtis 2b, 1b; Debbie Parsell 2 1b; Kayla Matheny 2b; Amber McLemore 2b.
Lawrence 11, Kal. Hackett 7
Lawrence 410 051 0 — 11 18 5
Hackett 200 041 0 — 7 9 1
WP — Ashley Butler. LP — Ruzick.
Top hitters — Lawrence: Krissa Ledesma 2b, 2 1b; Jami Dunn 2b, 2 1b; Beth glista 3 1b, 3 RBIs; Kayla Matheny 2b, 1b; Amber McLemore 2 1b; Ashley Butler 2 1b, Hackett: Sam Emory HR, 3b, 1b, 2 RBIs; Kristen Beyer 3 1b.

Bloomingdale Invitational
Kal. Home School 9, Bloomingdale 1
Kalamazoo 200 250 0 — 9 8 3
Bloom 001 000 0 — 1 4 1
WP — Kybema (9k). LP — Harrison.
Top hitters — Bloomingdale: C. Starbeck 2b; M. Harris 2b, 2 RBIs.

Baseball

Hudsonville Invitational
First game
Hudsonville 10, Lakeshore 0
Lakeshore 000 00 — 0 4 2
Hudsonville 041 41 — 10 8 0
WP — Keegan Baar. LP — Brock Emery.

Second game
Lakeshore 4, GR West Catholic 2
WCatholic 100 000 1 — 2 3 3
Lakeshore 201 001 x — 4 9 0
WP — Elliot Lemon. LP — Corey. Sv — Jeff Narregan.
Top hitters — Lakeshore: Johnny Nate HR, 2 RBIs; Matt Glowacki 2 1b; Loren Johnson 2 1b.
Records — Lakeshore 14-7.

Spring Lake Invitational
St. Joseph 6, Holland West Ottawa 5
WCatholic 001 040 0 — 5 7 0
St. Joseph 001 000 5 — 6 7 1
WP — Sam Starks. LP — Gee.
Top hitters — St. Joseph: AJ Montoya 2b.
St. Joseph 15, Unity Christian 8
St. Joseph 010 653 0 — 15 12 1
Unity 002 113 1 — 8 6 1
WP — Dennis Jordan. LP — Timer.
Top hitters — St. Joseph: Nick Lawrence 2 1b; AJ Montoya 2 1b; Taylor Hatfield 2 1b; Sam Starks 2b, 1b; Jake Fratzke 3b.

Saranac Wood Bat Invitational
Championship
Coloma 6, Saranac 3
Coloma 011 202 0 — 6 7 2
Saranac 002 100 0 — 3 8 3
WP — Smith. LP — Simmons. Sv — Steinhoff.
Top hitters — Coloma: Greco 2b, 3 1b, 4 RBIs.

Semifinal
Coloma 2, New Lothrop 1
Coloma 200 000 0 — 2 6 2
N Lothrop 000 000 1 — 1 2 1
WP — Hess. LP — Beuwett. Sv — T. Hester.
Top hitters — Coloma: C. Hester 2 1b; T. Hester 2 1b.
Records — Coloma 11-10.

Bloomingdale Invitational
Championship
Decatur 3, Paw Paw 1
Paw Paw 000 001 0 — 1 2 2
Decatur 110 100 x — 3 9 2
WP — Tim Cerven. LP — Chris Lyons.
Top hitters — Decatur: Tim Cerven 2 1b; Matthew Botti 2 1b; Joby Kawaski 2 1b. Paw Paw: Kyle Williams 3b.

Consolation
Bloomingdale 9, Kal. Home School 8
Kalamazoo 204 020 00 — 8 6 0
Bloom 202 020 21 — 9 8 2
WP — Cole Wixom.
Top hitters — Bloomingdale: Jeremiah Johnson 3 1b; Brian Norman 2 1b.

First round
Decatur 15, Kal. Home School 0
Kalamazoo 000 0 — 0 0 9
Decatur 670 2 — 15 5 0
WP — Joby Kawaski (6k). LP — Ian Geiger.
Top hitters — Decatur: Joby Kawaski 2 1b, 2 RBIs; JT Kawaski 2 1b; Tim Cerven 2b, 2 RBIs.
Paw Paw 10, Bloomingdale 3
Paw Paw 210 160 0 — 10 9 3
Bloom 000 120 0 — 3 710
WP — Beck (7k). LP — Kyle Martinez.
Top hitters — Paw Paw: Yarbrough 2 1b; Stieber 2 1b; Lyons 2 1b. Bloomingdale: Jeremiah Johnson 2 1b.

Wyoming Lee Invitational
Grand Rapids Union 15, Fennville 3
GR Union 462 30 — 15 11 1
Fennville 010 11 — 3 5 5
WP — Rivera. LP — Nick Svay (8k).
Top hitters — Fennville: Seth Schut 3 1b; Adam Harris 2 RBIs.
Fennville 13, Tri-unity 2
Fennville 226 010 2 — 13 16 3
Tri-unity 110 000 0 — 2 3 2
WP — Aaron Walker. LP — Morales.
Top hitters — Fennville: Mario Martinez 3 1b; Seth Schut 2b, 3 1b, 4 RBIs; Adam Harris 2 1b, 3 RBIs; Austin Garcia 3 1b; Ryan Nolan 2 RBIs.

Girls soccer

Edwardsburg Invitational
First game
Edwardsburg 0, Dowagiac 0
Edwardsburg wins penalty kick shootout 3-1

Second game
Lakeshore 2, Dowagiac 0
Goals — Dani DeFries, Jessy Zehm.
Assist — Carly Dubbert.
Shots — Lakeshore 13, Dowagiac 2
Saves — Lauren Clem (L) 2, Dowagiac 11

Third game
Lakeshore 2, Edwardsburg 0
Goals — Jessy Zehm, Rachel Armstrong
Assists — Rachel Armstrong, Srah Schamowske
Shots — Lakeshore 12, Edwardsburg 4
Saves — Sophie Devenney (E) 10, Lauren Clem (L) 4
Records — Lakeshore 9-2

Girls tennis

Allegan duals
Allegan 6, St. Joseph 2
Singles — 1. Livia Christwian (A) d. Lindsay Peirce 7-6 (5), 6-3; 2. Abbey Dekkima (A) d. Teri LaForest 6-3, 6-4; 3. Shelby Hancock (SJ) d. Federica Vezlani 7-6 (5), 0-6, 10-4; 4. Tarah Bennan (A) d. Rowan Conybeare 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles — 1. Christin Drozd-Kaycee Harness (A) d. Zoee Hancock-Hannah Grall 6-3, 6-0; 2. Paige Ottmar-Christine Server (SJ) d. Blake Day-Emmarie Gorby 7-6 (4), 6-3; 3. Carlie Banklompenberg-Taylor Orr (A) d. Vanessa Banasik-Grace Cravens 6-2, 6-1; 4. Holly Hagerty-Karlie Wells (A) d. Claire Ottmar-Arthi Bharadwaj 6-2, 7-5.
St. Joseph 8, Jenison 0
Singles — 1. Lindsay Peirce (SJ) d. Cayla Strandberg 6-0, 6-0; 2. Teri LaForest (SJ) d. Abby Veldink 6-0, 6-1; 3. Shelby Hancock (SJ) d. Kayla Cox 6-2, 6-1; 4. Rowan Conybeare (SJ) d. Shelby Warner 6-1, 6-0.
Doubles — 1. Zoee Hancock-Hannah Grall (SJ) d. Sam Boone-Samm Mohney 6-1, 6-0; 2. Paige Ottmar-Christine Server (SJ) d. Randi Coomer-Lan Nguyen 6-0, 6-0; 3. Vanessa Banasik-Grace Cravens (SJ) d. Hannah Martinez-Bailey Lofgren 6-0, 6-0; 4. Claire Ottmar-Arthi Bharadwaj (SJ) d. Melliss Baltrusaitis-Alexis Jimenez 6-2, 6-0.
St. Joseph 3, Grandville 2
(score when match suspended due to rain)
Singles — 3. Shelby Hancock (SJ) d. Angela Beltran 6-2, 6-0.
Doubles — 1. Megan Simsa-Katerina Buck (G) d. Zoee Hancock-Hannah Grall 6-2, 6-0; 2. Paige Ottmar-Christine Server (SJ) d. Audrey Niemchick-Bethany VanGessel 6-3, 6-2; 3. Vanessa Banasik-Grace Cravens (SJ) d. Elise Wise-Barbara Despres 6-2, 6-2; 4. Stephanie Payne-Rachael Seitz (G) d. Claire Ottmar-Arthi Bharadwaj 1-6, 6-1, 10-6.

Local sports calendar

British soccer camp

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA is offering Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp from June 18-22.

Four age divisions will be offered — ages 3-4 from 9-10 a.m., ages 4-5 from 10:10-11:40 a.m., ages 6-9 from 9 a.m. to noon and ages 10-14 from 1-4 p.m. The camp will be held at the YMCA.

Those who register before May 1 at www.challengersports.com will receive a free jersey.

Al Fisher Memorial Softball tournament

The Al Fisher Memorial Softball Tourney will be held Saturday in Buchanan. The cost is $175 and teams are guaranteed four games. For more information, contact Lanny Fisher at (574) 315-8880.

Coloma athletic physicals

Coloma athletic physicals will be offered from 1:30-4 p.m. June 4 at Coloma Medical Center for athletes entering grades 7 through 12 in the 2012-13 school year. Cost is $15. Forms are available in the Coloma Athletic Office or at ccs.coloma.org and must be filled out prior to the physical.

Purdue Boilermaker wrestling camp

The Purdue Boilermaker Wrestling Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 12-14 at Lakeshore High School, with a lunch break from 11:30-noon each day. The cost is $25 per day. The camp is open to high school, middle school and experienced elementary school wrestlers and includes instruction from Purdue coaches. For more information, contact Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender at 429-8605 or pipewrench65@yahoo.com, or Purdue coach Scott Hinkel at (765) 494-3219 or shinkel@purdue.edu.

Bridgman Aquatic Center weight room

The Bridgman Aquatic Center weight room will have expanded summer hours from June 11-Aug. 17. Hours will be from 5:45-10 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The cost is only $1 per visit. For more information call 466-0236.

Golf outings

▶Gale Sayers Celebrity Golf Classic, 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Whitaker Woods Golf Course in New Buffalo. Sayers, an NFL Hall of Famer, and former Chicago Bears tight end Emery Moorehead will be among the celebrities in attendance. The cost is $150 per person for golf and admission to the dinner reception, and $50 for the dinner reception only. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Gale Sayers Center in Chicago, which offers after-school educational programs. To register, go to www.golfinvite.com/galesayers.

▶4-H golf outing, May 15 at Orchard Hills Country Club, Buchanan. Registration at 7:30 a.m. with tee off at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $125 per golfer including lunch, $150 hole sponsorship including lunch, $125 hole sponsorship without lunch and $30 for lunch only. Prizes and gifts awarded after lunch at 1 p.m. Contact Tom Rossman at 469-4442 or Karen Kietzer at 465-7112.

▶Babe's Lounge ninth annual four person golf scramble, 1 p.m. May 19 at Lake Michigan Hills. Dinner following at Babe's Lounge. Cost is $65 per person. Contact Joe Mara at 983-0345 or 925-3787.

▶Crimestoppers golf outing, 9 a.m. June 1, Indian Lake Hills. Cost is $300 per team and includes golf with cart, entry golfer gifts, lunch, dinner, beverages, contest prizes and drawings. Entry deadline is May 25. For more information, contact Linda Lenox at 683-7717 or 470-2494, or go to www.indianlakehills.com/calendar.

▶Paul Bailey for Sheriff golf outing, 9 a.m. June 8 at Indian Lake Hills. Cost is $260 per team or $65 per golfer. Entry deadline is June 1. For more information, contact George Shafer at 861-4863 or go to www.indianlakehills.com/calendar.

▶St. Joseph High School football boosters, 1 p.m. June 8 at Berrien Hills. Shotgun start for the four-person scramble. Cost is $100 for golf with cart, prizes and dinner. Dinner only is $25. Make checks payable to St. Joe Football Boosters. Send registration forms and payment to Pam Smith, 990 Westwood Drive, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Gold sponsorships are $470, silver sponsorships $150 and bronze for $125. For more information visit www.stjoefootball.com.

▶SW District Golf Key golf outing, 11 a.m. June 11, Lake Michigan Hills. Hosted by the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Elks Club. Entry fee is $65 and includes golf, lunch, dinner, prizes and free golf for future play. For more information contact Sandi or Chad at 429-0073.

▶Dowagiac Union Schools ninth annual golf outing and silent auction, 10 a.m. June 14 at Indian Lake Hills. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. Cost is $400 per team and includes golf with cart, goodie bags, lunch, dinner, beverages, contest prizes and drawings.

Entry deadline is June 8. For more information, contact Jodi Badder at 782-4470 or go to www.indianlakehills.com/calendar.

▶Tee-Off for TATA's fourth annual golf outing, 9 a.m. June 16 at Indian Lake Hills. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Includes cart and golf, goodie bags, on-course contests, skins game, lunch buffet, award and prizes after golf at Chief's Bar in Millburg. Cost is $65 per person. Entry deadline is June 11. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life, American Cancer Society and Breast Cancer Research. For more information, contact Denise Bohn-Stewart at 982-1007 or go to www.indianlakehills.com/calendar.

Road races / walks

▶Lory's Place 5K Run, Walk and Rock, 8:30 a.m. May 19 in St. Joseph. Email Tpickett@LorysPlace.org or go online to www.lorysplace.org.

▶Van Buren/Cass Girls on the Run 5K, 9 a.m. May 19, starting at Lawton High School. Cost is $25. For more information, contact Julie Bos at 621-3413 ext. 371 or jebos@vbcassdhd.org.

▶Countryside Academy 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m. June 16 at the school. Cost is $10 for students, $15 if registered in advance and $20 the day of the event. Call 487-5046 or 944-3319, or email dnestich00@hotmail.com.

▶Steve's Run, 9 a.m. July 28 in downtown Dowagiac, with 10K and 5K races. For more information contact rgunn@swmich.edu or visit www.swmich.edu/fireup/stevesrun.

▶Sandhill Crane, 9 a.m. Aug. 25. An all-trail half marathon and 10K run at Lawless Park in Vandalia. Contact ron@cairmstonetours.com.

▶Baroda 5K Run/Walk, Sept. 8., Hess Lake Park. Run is to promote awareness for organ and tissue donations.

▶Turkey Trot, 4 p.m. Nov. 19, with 8K, 5K and 1K events at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac. Go online to www.swmich.edu/turkeytrot.

The local sports calendar appears Thursdays and Sundays in The Herald-Palladium. Submit items for the local sports calendar to sports@TheH-P.com or fax to 429-4392.

Bulls likely without Noah in today's game

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — All hope isn't lost. Tom Thibodeau still had his comfort phrase at the ready, saying he has a game-time decision to make for today's must-win Game 4.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, it's not regarding Derrick Rose, who obviously is out with the torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

It's not even regarding Joakim Noah, whom Thibodeau called "doubtful" with a badly sprained left ankle. Doubtful in Thibodeau's dictionary means out. And though Thibodeau said X-rays confirmed no fracture, pessimism exists within the organization that Noah will be sidelined for weeks.

Nope, it's regarding who will start for Noah, who hobbled to a film session at the team hotel on crutches, unable to put any weight on his aircast- and boot-protected ankle.

"Omer (Asik) obviously can handle that position," Thibodeau said. "Taj (Gibson) has played both (center and power forward). It gives you versatility there. We feel like we'll be OK. We have three bigs. We also have Scal. We feel we have more than enough."

With apologies to consummate teammate and professional Brian Scalabrine, his availability wasn't in the original game plan for the Bulls' Eastern Conference quarterfinal series against the 76ers. With the Bulls trailing 2-1, and with Rose and Noah out, the task gets tougher.

"We've been through a lot all year," Luol Deng said. "You just have to fight your way out of it. Even if we have one guy left, we're still going to play. It's a series. They have the momentum right now. But we have guys who play hard. If one guy is out, the next guy steps in. We'll be fine."

Noah isn't.

"He'll most likely be out (today)," Thibodeau said. "It's a strain. I haven't gotten the grade yet. But he's doubtful."

Plenty of doubts exist about the Bulls' offense, too, given that it managed just 14 points on 6-for-25 shooting in the brutal, fourth-quarter collapse of Game 3.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	18	9	.667	—	—	5-5	W-4	12-3	6-6
Atlanta	16	11	.593	2	—	6-4	W-1	8-5	8-6
New York	14	13	.519	4	—	5-5	W-1	8-6	5-7
Miami	13	14	.481	5	1	6-4	W-5	6-5	7-9
Philadelphia	13	15	.464	5½	1½	5-5	L-2	5-5	8-10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	16	11	.593	—	—	5-5	L-3	8-4	8-7
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	2½	½	6-4	L-1	8-6	5-7
Houston	13	14	.481	3	1	7-3	W-5	9-5	4-9
Milwaukee	12	15	.444	4	2	4-6	L-1	6-6	6-9
Pittsburgh	12	15	.444	4	2	5-5	W-1	6-5	6-10
Chicago	10	17	.370	6	4	5-5	L-1	6-9	4-8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	18	9	.667	—	—	5-5	W-1	10-2	8-7
Arizona	14	14	.500	4½	½	5-5	L-1	6-7	8-7
San Francisco	13	14	.481	5	1	4-6	W-1	7-7	6-7
Colorado	12	13	.480	5	1	4-6	L-1	8-8	4-5
San Diego	9	19	.321	9½	5½	4-6	L-2	7-12	2-7

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	19	9	.679	—	—	8-2	L-1	13-2	6-7
Baltimore	18	9	.667	½	—	8-2	W-4	8-4	10-5
Toronto	16	11	.593	2½	—	6-4	W-4	8-7	8-4
New York	14	13	.519	4½	2	4-6	L-1	7-6	7-7
Boston	11	15	.423	7	4½	5-5	L-4	4-9	7-6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	14	11	.560	—	—	5-5	L-1	5-8	9-3
Detroit	13	13	.500	1½	½	5-5	W-1	8-5	5-8
Chicago	13	14	.481	2	½	3-7	W-1	5-9	8-5
Kansas City	9	17	.346	5½	4	6-4	W-1	2-11	7-6
Minnesota	7	19	.269	7½	6	2-8	L-1	3-8	4-11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	18	9	.667	—	—	5-5	W-1	8-5	10-4
Oakland	14	14	.500	4½	2½	6-4	W-1	6-7	8-7
Seattle	12	17	.414	7	5	3-7	W-1	4-7	8-10
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	8	6	4-6	L-2	7-8	3-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings
Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 5, St. Louis 4
Atlanta 9, Colorado 8, 11 innings
Miami 9, San Diego 8, 12 innings
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 4

Saturday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Washington 7, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 3
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 2
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
Houston 8, St. Louis 2
Miami 4, San Diego 1
Atlanta at Colorado

Today's Games

Arizona (Cahill 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 3-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 1-3) at Houston (Happ 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Beachy 2-1) at Colorado (Nicasio 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
Miami (Nolasco 3-0) at San Diego (Wieland 0-4), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 1-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 3-1) at Washington (Zimmermann 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 6, Texas 3
Baltimore 6, Boston 4, 13 innings
Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 2
Toronto 4, L.A. Angels 0
Minnesota 3, Seattle 2

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 8, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 2
Texas 5, Cleveland 2, 11 innings
Kansas City 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3, 12 innings
Seattle 7, Minnesota 0
Toronto at L.A. Angels

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 0-0) at Detroit (Porcello 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 4-0) at Cleveland (Jimenez 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 2-1) at Boston (Buchholz 3-1), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 3-2) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 1-1), 1:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-4) at Kansas City (Hochevar 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Williams 2-1), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 0-3) at Seattle (Noesi 1-3), 4:10 p.m.

Cubs bats silenced

Dodgers escape early threat, roll to win at Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — When Alfonso Soriano stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and one out in the first inning, he felt an offensive outburst was imminent.

He couldn't have been more wrong.

Chris Capuano made big pitch after big pitch and drove in two runs to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-1 win over the Cubs on Saturday.

Capuano (4-0) held Chicago to three hits and struck out seven, extending his scoreless innings streak to 18 2-3. His two-run double in the second gave him his first RBIs since Aug. 24, 2007.

He struck out Soriano and Ian Stewart looking to leave the bases loaded in the first, never looked back.

"I thought this was going to be a big day for us," Soriano said. "The umpire made some bad calls today when I was hitting, but that's part of the game. There's nothing I could say."

Soriano took Capuano's 0-2 offering for a called third strike and had a few words with home plate umpire Tim Timmons before returning to the dugout.

"I have a lot of respect for the umpire, but that ball is like three ball (lengths) inside," he said. "He called it a strike, there is nothing I can do."

The Cubs got just three base runners against Capuano over his last six innings and didn't get another runner past first base.

"It wasn't anything other than a guy making big pitches when he had to," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said of Capuano's performance. "When guys are pitching good, that's when they make their pitches. In crunch time, with the bases loaded, he made some great pitches to get out of it."

Cubs starter Chris Volstad (0-4) fell to 0-9 over 17 starts dating to July 10. He allowed four hits and five runs over five innings, walking three and striking out one.

Volstad continued to struggle with runners on base, giving up crooked numbers in two of his five innings while putting together three flawless frames.

"I definitely feel better than what it looks like," Volstad said. "If those hits are spread out over the five innings and two of those walks aren't in the same inning, also . . . everything's kind of bunched up and it adds up quick."

During Volstad's long winless streak, his Achilles' heel has been an inability to avoid big innings.

The problem surfaced again on Saturday when his leadoff walk to Andre Ethier in the second led to a sacrifice fly.

Later that inning, Volstad left a pitch up to Capuano, who laced it into the gap in right-center for a two-run double.

"It was a first pitch fastball. That's usually how we pitchers get our hits," Capuano said. "We kind of pick our spot where we think we can get a fastball and we kind of ambush it."

Capuano, who was a capable hitting pitcher before missing two seasons with an elbow injury, had gone just 5 for 79 without an RBI since returning to the majors in 2010.

Capuano is off to his best start since winning his first five decisions in 2007. He's hoping this season turns out better after he lost his final 12 decisions that year.

The lefty has won seven straight starts against the Cubs, who barely threatened him.

Matt Kemp went 0 for 3 but drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Kemp's batting average dropped below .400 for the first time since April 10. The major-league home run leader hasn't gone deep in the Dodgers' last four games, his longest drought of the season.

Dee Gordon doubled home Matt Treanor in the fifth. Gordon also singled and stole his 12th base of the season.

Starlin Castro singled three times for the Cubs, but committed his eighth error, the most in the majors.

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago Cubs' Geovany Soto reacts after striking out swinging during the second inning of Saturday's game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

SOX

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He's back to his productive self so far in 2012, hitting .250 with eight homers.

"It's good," Dunn said. "This is kind of what I expect to do."

Paul Konerko also went deep for Chicago.

The Tigers scratched out their two runs in the second on RBI singles by Andy Dirks and Jackson.

The White Sox trailed 2-0 before Konerko's solo shot in the seventh. Alejandro De Aza started the ninth with a single and a stolen base. He was sacrificed to third and Dunn — always a strikeout risk — made solid contact to put Chicago ahead.

Jones had pitched the bottom of the eighth, and Hector Santiago came on to try to close it out, but a walk and a double put Chicago's slim lead in jeopardy. Reed, who hasn't allowed a run this season, got the best of Jackson to preserve the win.

Gavin Floyd allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings for the White Sox.

Floyd was unlucky in the second, allowing an RBI single to Dirks on a slow grounder that slipped between third baseman Brent Morel and shortstop Alexei Ramirez.

Jackson's run-scoring hit actually deflected off Morel and past Ramirez, who looked as though he might have been in position to keep the ball at least in the infield and prevent the runner on second from scoring.

"You just kind of stay positive and continue to try to make pitches," Floyd said. "Got the ball on the ground, and it seemed like they were just missing guys."

Floyd retired 12 in a row starting in the third.

Detroit's Max Scherzer yielded a run and four hits in seven innings.

He struck out nine without a walk. Showing none of the control trouble that plagued him in a seven-walk performance last weekend against the Yankees, Scherzer retired the first 11 White Sox before Dunn lined a single to right.

DODGERS 5, CUBS 1

Los Angeles	Chicago
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
DGordn ss 5 1 2	DeJess rf 4 0 0
M.Ellis 2b 4 0 1	Mather cf 4 0 0
Kemp cf 3 0 1	SCastro ss 4 1 3
Ethier rf 2 1 0	LaHair 1b 2 0 0
Abreu lf 4 1 0	ASorin lf 4 0 0
Belisari p 0 0 0	IStewrt 3b 4 0 2
JWright p 0 0 0	Barney 2b 4 0 0
HrstnJr 3b 4 0 0	Soto c 3 0 0
Loney 1b 3 1 0	Volstad p 1 0 0
Treanr c 3 1 1	Camrn ph 1 0 0
Capuan p 2 0 1	LCastll p 0 0 0
GwynJr lf 1 0 0	Marmol p 0 0 0
	DeWitt ph 1 0 0 0
	Bowden p 0 0 0 0
Totals 31 5 6 5	Totals 32 1 5 1

Los Angeles 030 020 000 — 5
Chicago 000 000 001 — 1

E—D.Gordon (7), Volstad (1), S.Castro (8). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Los Angeles 6, Chicago 6. 2B—D.Gordon (5), Abreu (1), Capuano (1). SB—D.Gordon (12). S—Capuano. SF—Kemp, Treanor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Capuano W,4-0	7	3	0	0	2	7
Belisario	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Wright	1	2	1	1	0	1
Chicago						
Volstad L,0-4	5	4	5	5	3	1
L.Castillo	2	1	0	0	0	1
Marmol	1	0	0	0	1	1
Bowden	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Marmol.
Umpires—Home, Tim Timmons; First, Jeff Kellogg; Second, Eric Cooper; Third, Marty Foster.
T—2:51. A—39,874 (41,009).

WHITE SOX 3, TIGERS 2

Chicago	Detroit
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
De Aza cf 4 1 2	AJcksn cf 5 0 2 1
AlRmrz ss 3 0 0	Boesch rf 4 0 0 0
A.Dunn dh 4 1 2	Sclanfo 2b 4 0 0 0
Konerk 1b 4 1 1	MiCarr 3b 4 0 0 0
Przyns c 4 0 1	Fielder 1b 4 0 2 0
Rios rf 3 0 0	Dirks dh 4 0 0 0
Viciedo lf 2 0 0	Avila c 4 1 1 0
Fukdm ph-lf 1 0 0	JhPerlt ss 3 1 1 0
Morel 3b 2 0 0	Worth pr 0 0 0 0
ESccor ph-3b 1 0 0	Dirks lf 4 0 2 1
Bckhm 2b 3 0 0	Raburn 2b-rf 4 0 1 0
Totals 31 3 6 3	Totals 36 2 9 2

Chicago 000 000 102 — 3
Detroit 020 000 000 — 2

E—AlRamirez (2), Scherzer (1). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 2, Detroit 8. 2B—Dirks (3), Raburn (3). HR—A.Dunn (8), Konerko (6). SB—De Aza (4). S—AlRamirez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Floyd	7	7	2	2	0	6
N.Jones W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0
H.Santiago H,1	⅔	1	0	0	1	0
Reed S,1-1	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Scherzer	7	4	1	1	0	9
Benoit H,7	1	0	0	0	0	2
Valverde L,2-1	1	2	2	2	0	1

Umpires—Home, Jeff Nelson; First, Bill Welke; Second, Tim Tschida; Third, Chris Guccione.
T—2:47. A—42,404 (41,255).

ATHLETICS 4, RAYS 3 (12 INN.)

Oakland	Tampa Bay
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
JWeeks 2b 6 0 0 0	DJnngs lf 6 0 2 0
Pnngtn ss 5 1 0 0	BUpton cf 6 0 1 0
Reddck rf 6 1 2 2	C.Pena 1b 5 1 1 1
Cespds cf 5 0 0 0	Joyce rf 5 0 0 0
S.Smith lf 2 0 0 0	Scott dh 5 0 0 0
JGomz ph-lf 1 1 1 0	Zobrist 2b 5 1 1 0
Kaalhu dh 6 0 1 1	Rhyns 3b 3 0 1 0
KSuzuk c 5 0 1 0	SRdrgz 3b 2 0 1 0
Barton 1b 5 1 3 0	JMolin c 3 0 0 0
Inge 3b 6 0 1 0	Kpingr ph 1 0 1 0
	Gmenz c 0 0 0 0
	EJhnsn ss 4 1 2 1
Totals 47 4 9 4	Totals 44 3 11 3

Oakland 101 100 000 001 — 4
Tampa Bay 001 110 000 000 — 3

E—Zobrist (3), Rhymes (1). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 14, Tampa Bay 10. 2B—S.Rodriguez (2). HR—Reddick (5), J.Gomes (5), C.Pena (5), Zobrist (4), E.Johnson (1). S—Gimenez, E.Johnson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Colon	5	8	3	3	2	2
Norberto	2	0	0	0	0	2
R.Cook	2	1	0	0	0	1
Fuentes W,2-0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Balfour S,7-9	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Hellickson	3⅔	5	3	2	3	2
Howell	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
McGee	1	0	0	0	1	1
Badenhop	⅔	1	0	0	0	0
Rodney	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2
B.Gomes	2	0	0	0	2	1
Jo.Peralta L,0-1	1	2	1	1	0	3

HBP—by Fuentes (Joyce), by B.Gomes (K.Suzuki).
Umpires—Home, Paul Nauert; First, Dana DeMuth; Second, Kerwin Danley; Third, Doug Eddings.
T—4:13. A—23,890 (34,078).

RANGERS 5, INDIANS 2 (11 INN.)

Texas	Cleveland
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Kinsler 2b 6 0 2 1	Brantly cf 5 1 2 0
Andrus ss 4 0 2 0	Kipnis 2b 5 1 1 0
Hamltn cf-lf 4 0 1 0	ACarer ss 5 0 4 1
MYong 1b 5 0 0 0	CSantn 1b 4 0 0 0
DvMrp lf 4 2 0 0	Hafner dh 4 0 0 0
Gentry ph-cf 1 0 0 0	Choo rf 5 0 1 0
N.Cruz rf 5 2 1 0	Duncan lf 3 0 0 0
Napoli c 5 1 2 0	Damon ph-lf 1 0 0 0
Morlnd dh 4 1 3 1	Hannhn 3b 3 0 0 0
AlGnzlz 3b 4 0 0 0	Marson c 4 0 0 0
Beltre ph 1 1 1 0	
BSnydr 3b 0 0 0 0	
Totals 41 5 12 5	Totals 39 2 8 1

Texas 010 100 000 03 — 5
Cleveland 000 000 020 00 — 2

DP—Texas 2, Cleveland 3. LOB—Texas 8, Cleveland 7. 2B—Moreland (4), Brantley (7), A.Cabrera (8). HR—Beltre (5). CS—Kinsler (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
D.Holland	7⅓	5	2	1	3	6
Adams BS,1-2	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Ogando W,1-0	2	1	0	0	0	2
Nathan S,7-9	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
D.Lowe	6	9	2	2	2	1
Hagadone	2	1	0	0	0	1
Pestano	1	1	0	0	0	2
J.Smith L,1-1	2	1	3	3	3	0
PB—Napoli.						

Umpires—Home, CB Buckner; First, Angel Campos; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, Dale Scott.
T—3:12. A—21,307 (43,429).

ROYALS 5, YANKEES 1

New York	Kansas City
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Jeter ss 4 0 0 0	Dyson cf 4 1 1 0
Grndrs cf 4 0 2 0	AGordn lf 5 2 4 1
ARdrgz dh 3 0 0 0	Butler dh 4 0 2 3
Cano 2b 3 0 1 0	Hosmer 1b 3 0 0 0
Teixeir 1b 4 0 0 0	Francr rf 3 0 1 0
Ibanez lf 4 0 1 0	Mostks 3b 3 0 0 0
Martin c 4 1 3 1	Quinter c 4 0 0 0
Nunez 3b 3 0 0 0	Getz 2b 4 1 1 0
An.Jons ph 1 0 0 0	AEscor ss 4 1 1 0
ENunez 3b 3 0 1 0	
Totals 34 1 8 1	Totals 32 5 8 5

New York 000 000 100 — 1
Kansas City 200 012 00x — 5

E—Getz (2). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—New York 8, Kansas City 10. 2B—Granderson 2 (4), Martin (2), E.Nunez (2), A.Gordon (7), Butler 2 (8). HR—Martin (3). SB—Getz (5), A.Escobar (7). SF—Dyson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Garcia L,2-4	4⅓	6	3	2	3	2
Rapada	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Eppley	⅓	1	2	2	1	0
Logan	1	1	0	0	0	1
F.Garcia	2	0	0	0	1	1
Kansas City						
F.Paulino W,1-0	6	4	0	0	2	6
Mijares	⅔	2	1	0	1	1
K.Herrera	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1
Collins	1	1	0	0	0	1

Eppley pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
WP—Kuroda.
Umpires—Home, Greg Gibson; First, Manny Gonzalez; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Phil Cuzzi.
T—3:03. A—29,121 (37,903).

ORIOLES 8, RED SOX 2

Baltimore	Boston
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
EnChvz lf 5 0 1 0	Punto 3b 4 0 0 0
Handy ss 4 1 0 0	Pedroia 2b 4 0 2 0
Markks rf 4 1 1 0	Ortiz dh 3 0 0 0
AdJons cf 4 1 1 2	AdGnzl 1b 4 1 3 0
Wieters c 4 1 1 0	Aviles ss 4 0 0 0
Pearce 1b 4 2 2 0	Sweeny rf 4 1 1 1
Betemit dh 3 1 2 1	C.Ross lf 4 0 1 1
MrRynl 3b 4 1 2 3	Sltmch c 4 0 1 0
Andino 2b 4 0 0 0	Byrd cf 3 0 0 0
Totals 36 8 10 7	Totals 34 2 8 2

Baltimore 017 000 000 — 8
Boston 000 000 200 — 2

E—En.Chavez (1). SF—Saltalamacchia. LOB—Baltimore 3, Boston 6. 2B—Wieters (4), Mar.Reynolds (6), Pedroia (9), Ad.Gonzalez (6), Sweeney (13), Saltalamacchia (4). HR—Ad.Jones (7), Mar.Reynolds (2). CS—En.Chavez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Hammel W,4-1	6⅔	4	2	2	1	8
O'Day	⅔	3	0	0	0	1
Patton	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Lindstrom	1	⅓	0	0	0	0
Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
A.Cook L,0-1	2⅔	8	7	6	1	0
Mortensen	3⅓	2	1	1	0	5
Atchison	3	0	0	0	1	1

WP—A.Cook. PB—Saltalamacchia.
Umpires—Home, Mike Estabrook; First, James Hoye; Second, Jim Joyce; Third, Jim Reynolds.
T—2:56. A—37,581 (37,067).

MARLINS 4, PADRES 1

Miami	San Diego
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Reyes ss 4 1 0 0	Denorfi rf-lf 4 0 0 0
Bonifac cf 4 0 1 0	Guzmn lf 3 1 2 0
HRmrz 3b 4 1 3 0	Mikolas p 0 0 0 0
Kearns lf 3 1 1 0	Headly 3b 4 0 1 1
Dobbs ph-lf 1 0 1 1	Hundly c 4 0 0 0
Infante 2b 3 0 1 2	Alonso 1b 4 0 1 0
Stanton rf 4 1 1 1	Oltuzn 2b 3 0 1 0
GSnchz 1b 3 0 2 0	Maybin cf 3 0 0 0
J.Buck c 4 0 1 0	Bartlett ss 3 0 0 0
Buehrle p 3 0 0 0	Richrd p 2 0 0 0
	Thayer p 0 0 0 0
	Venale ph-rf 1 0 0 0
Totals 33 4 11 4	Totals 31 1 5 1

Miami 000 100 021 — 4
San Diego 000 001 000 — 1

DP—Miami 1. LOB—Miami 6, San Diego 5. 2B—H.Ramirez (4), Infante (8), G.Sanchez (8), J.Buck (4), Guzman (7), Alonso (10). HR—Stanton (5). CS—Dobbs (1). S—Buehrle. SF—Infante.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miami						
Buehrle W,2-4	9	5	1	1	2	3
San Diego						
Richard L,1-4	7	9	3	3	1	7
Thayer	1	1	1	1	0	0
Mikolas	1	1	0	0	1	2

Richard pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
Umpires—Home, Gary Cederstrom; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Fieldin Culbreth; Third, Adrian Johnson.
T—2:18. A—25,076 (42,691).

ASTROS 8, CARDINALS 2

St. Louis	Houston
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Furcal ss 3 1 1 0	Altuve 2b 4 0 0 0
Jay cf 4 1 1 0	Bogsvc rf 3 1 0 0
Hollidy lf 3 0 1 1	JDMrtn lf 4 0 0 0
Beltran rf 4 0 1 1	CaLee 1b 3 2 1 0
Freese 3b 3 0 1 0	Wallac 3b 3 2 1 2
YMolin c 4 0 0 0	CJhnsn 3b 4 2 2 4
Descals 2b 2 0 1 0	Maxwll cf 3 1 2 1
Greene ph 1 0 0 0	JCastro c 3 0 0 0
MCrpnt 1b 4 0 1 0	Norris p 1 0 0 1
JGarci p 2 0 0 0	Wright p 0 0 0 0
Reinsn ph 1 0 0 0	Rottino ph 1 0 0 0
JNorrs p 0 0 0 0	MGnzlz ph 1 0 0 0
Boggs p 0 0 0 0	DvCrpn p 0 0 0 0
T.Cruz ph 1 0 0 0	Abad p 0 0 0 0
Totals 32 2 6 2	Totals 32 8 6 8

St. Louis 100 000 010 — 2
Houston 400 200 02x — 8

E—CJohnson (4). DP—Houston 2. LOB—St. Louis 7, Houston 2, 2B—Ca.Lee (4), Maxwell 2 (2). HR—Lowrie (4), C.Johnson (3). SB—Furcal (5), Holliday (2), Bogusevic (4). CS—Descalso (1). SF—Norris.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
J.Garcia L,2-2	6	4	6	6	4	2
J.Romero	1⅓	2	2	2	0	1
Boggs	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Norris W,2-1	6	3	1	0	4	4
W.Wright	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
W.Lopez	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Dav.Carpenter	1	2	1	1	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—J.Garcia. PB—J.Castro.
Umpires—Home, Scott Barry; First, Jerry Meals; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Paul Emmel.
T—2:40. A—23,633 (40,981).

PIRATES 3, REDS 2

Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Cozart ss 4 0 1 1	Tabata lf-rf 3 1 1 0
Stubbs cf 4 0 1 0	Walker 2b 4 1 2 2
Votto 1b 3 0 2 0	McCtch cf 3 0 1 0
Phillips 2b 3 0 0 0	PAlvrz 3b 2 0 0 0
Bruce rf 4 1 1 0	McGeh 1b 3 0 1 0
Rolen 3b 3 0 1 1	GJones rf 3 0 0 0
Ludwick lf 4 0 0 0	JCruz p 0 0 0 0
Mesoro c 3 1 1 0	Grilli p 0 0 0 0
Leake p 2 0 1 0	McCoth ph 0 0 0 0
Heisey ph 1 0 0 0	Hanrhn p 0 0 0 0
Arrdnd p 0 0 0 0	Barmes ss 4 0 0 0
	Barajs c 3 0 0 0
	JMcDnl p 2 0 0 0
	Presley lf 1 1 1 1
Totals 31 2 8 2	Totals 28 3 6 3

Cincinnati 000 000 110 — 2
Pittsburgh 002 000 10x — 3

DP—Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 4. LOB—Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 7. 2B—Cozart (6), Votto (12), Tabata (5). 3B—Bruce (1). HR—Walker (1), Presley (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Leake L,0-4	7	4	3	3	4	4
Arredondo	1	2	0	0	2	2
Pittsburgh						
Ja.McDonald W,2-1	6⅓	1	1	1	2	7
J.Cruz H,4-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grilli H,6	1	2	1	1	1	2
Hanrahan S,5-5	1	0	0	0	0	0

Umpires—Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Derryl Cousins; Third, Alan Porter.
T—2:36. A—33,019 (38,362).

METS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Arizona	New York
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Pollock cf 4 1 1 0	AFarrs cf 3 0 1 2
Overay ph 0 0 0 0	Tejada ss 4 0 0 0
Blmqst pr 0 0 0 0	DWright 3b 4 0 0 0
A.Hill 2b 5 0 0 0	Hairstn lf 3 0 0 0
JUpton rf 5 1 2 1	Baxtr ph-lf 1 0 0 0
Kubel lf 4 0 0 0	DnMrp 2b 4 1 4 0
Gldsch 1b 4 0 1 2	Turner 1b 4 1 1 0
RRorts 3b 3 1 2 1	LDavis 1b 0 0 0 0
JMcDnl ss 4 0 3 0	Nlwnks rf 2 1 1 0
HBlanc c 3 0 0 0	Nickes c 4 1 1 2
MMntr ph-c 1 0 0 0	JSantn p 1 0 1 0
Corbin p 2 0 1 0	Parnell p 0 0 0 0
Clmntr p 0 0 0 0	Rottino ph 1 0 0 0
Breslw p 0 0 0 0	Frncsc p 0 0 0 0
GParra ph 1 0 0 0	
Totals 36 3 10 3	Totals 31 4 9 4

Arizona 010 020 000 — 3
New York 000 400 00x — 4

LOB—Arizona 9, New York 8. 2B—Goldschmidt (6), Jo.McDonald (4). HR—R.Roberts (2). SB—Bloomquist (3), A.Torres (1). S—Collmenter, J.Santana 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Corbin L,1-1	3⅓	5	4	4	2	2
Collmenter	3	3	0	0	1	3
Breslow	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1
New York						
J.Santana W,1-2	7	9	3	3	1	5
Parnell H,5	1	1	0	0	0	1
F.Francisco S,6-7	1	0	0	0	1	1

Umpires—Home, Jerry Layne; First, Bob Davidson; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Dan Bellino.
T—3:12. A—30,253 (41,922).

GIANTS 5, BREWERS 2

Milwaukee	San Francisco
ab r hbi	ab r hbi
Aoki cf 5 0 0 0	Pagan cf 4 0 1 0
Ar.Ethier lf 4 0 1 0	Theriot 2b 4 0 0 0
Braun lf 4 1 1 1	McCarr rf-lf 4 1 2 0
ArRmrz 3b 4 1 1 0	Posey 1b 4 1 2 1
Hart rf 3 0 0 0	Belt 1b 0 0 0 0
AlGnzlz ss 1 0 1 1	Pill lf 3 1 1 1
Cizturs pr-ss 2 0 0 0	Schrhlt rf 1 0 0 0
Conrad 1b 3 0 0 0	Arias ss 4 1 1 0
MParr p 0 0 0 0	HSnchz c

Former coaches, teammates have fond memories of Seau

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Bobby Ross was a rookie NFL head coach in the spring of 1992 when linebacker Junior Seau turned and watched a pass sail downfield during a passing drill in the last practice of the San Diego Chargers' minicamp.

"I said, 'Repeat the play; Seau loafed,'" Ross said.

The words hit Seau just as hard as he hit running backs and quarterbacks.

"He turned on me real fast: 'What are you talking about?' I said, 'You didn't run to the ball, Junior. What if the ball was tipped? With your speed, you might have gotten an interception.'"

Ross took Seau into his office after practice and showed him film of the play.

"He turned to me and said, 'That will never happen again.' It never did.'"

Seau committed suicide Wednesday at age 43, stunning the city of San Diego and the football world.

In the following days, Ross and others fondly remembered their favorite moments with the star linebacker, a homegrown superstar who played 13 of his 20 NFL seasons with the Chargers.

Sort of like football eulogies.

Ross remains the only coach to get the Chargers to the Super Bowl. Seau was the fist-pumping, emotional leader, the proverbial heart and soul of the team who set the tone in practice and in games.

Ross coached Seau for five seasons. No particular game stood out over another.

"He was the exact same every game," Ross said from his Virginia home. "He was going to play 100 percent."

Darren Bennett, who made the transition from Australian Rules Football to star punter, remembers nervously lining up to punt during his first Pro Bowl.

"It's not funny as Dermontti Dawson goes to snap the ball, Junior and Greg Lloyd were betting who was going to get to the punt returner first," he said. "Mentally, I'm having a panic attack that not one of these guys was going to block for me. Sure enough, I shank the punt, but Junior was 20 yards down the field and we got penalized. We had to do it again, and I crushed the punt.

"The two wing guys were arguing over $500 — 'I bet I get to the return man first,' and Lloyd was yelling back. No one in the stands knows this crazy stuff is going on.'"

Then there was a poor punt during Bennett's first minicamp with San Diego.

"Junior says, 'Listen, kangaroo leg, man, you've got the biggest leg I've ever seen. Let's get to work.'"

"Then he says, 'Mate, we're from the islands together. Australia is the biggest island in the world, mate.' All of a sudden, Australia was part of Polynesia: 'We're all islanders, part of the same deal.'

"It gave me an incredible amount of confidence."

Gordon captures pole at Talladega

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jeff Gordon understands winning a pole doesn't mean very much for the big picture.

But after opening this season with a serious slump, the four-time NASCAR champion is embracing all the small victories he can get.

Gordon grabbed the top starting spot for Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway with a lap at 191.623 mph in his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. It was Gordon's first pole since this race last year, and the 71st of his career — third on the all-time list.

And it comes at a time when Gordon is trying to jumpstart his season. He's got just two top finishes through the first nine races, and is ranked 17th in the Sprint Cup Series standings.

"We all know that sitting on the pole at Talladega doesn't really guarantee anything for the race," he said. "The biggest positive is just the fact we've had a rough start to the season, not a lot has gone our way other than we've had fast cars but not a lot of results to show for it.

"To me, right now, we'll just take any kind of positive boost that we possibly can and this is a good one."

AJ Allmendinger held down the top spot for most of Saturday's qualifying session in his Penske Racing Dodge, and Gordon made his attempt with four cars to go. He ran an unconventional lap around the bottom of the track, and it was good enough to bump Allmendinger's 191.111.

"Definitely a new strategy, but those guys are fast no matter what," Allmendinger said. "So, it's not like he snuck up on us. We knew that was going to be one of the cars that could beat us there at the end."

Marcos Ambrose qualified third in a Richard Petty Motorsports Ford, and was followed by Aric Almirola, who is running his first race this weekend with new crew chief Mike Ford.

Kasey Kahne, of Hendrick Motorsports, was fifth and followed by series points leader Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards, his Roush Fenway Racing teammate. Defending series champion Tony Stewart was eighth in a Chevrolet, and Michael Waltrip was the highest qualifying Toyota at ninth.

Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth rounded out the top 10. Dale Earnhardt Jr., who is ranked second in the standings and widely believed to be a contender to end his 138-race losing streak on Sunday, qualified 18th.

"When we go to Talladega or Daytona, I feel like I have a good chance of winning every time I go," said Earnhardt, a five-time Talladega winner. "You just have to make good decisions. You really don't have to count on the other important things that you do at other tracks. I feel like my confidence goes up when I come here."

Earnhardt, who finished second in the Daytona 500, pushed teammate Jimmie Johnson to the victory here last spring.

Logano edges Busch to get win at finish

By JENNA FRYER
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Nigel Kinrade / AP

Joey Logano hoists the trophy in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway on Saturday.

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joey Logano nipped Kyle Busch at the finish line Saturday to win the Nationwide Series race at Talladega Superspeedway to give Toyota its 200th win in NASCAR.

The race was marred by a late accident that sent Eric McClure to an Alabama hospital by helicopter, but NASCAR officials said he was awake and speaking to medical personnel.

And, after the finish, Danica Patrick intentionally wrecked Sam Hornish Jr. on the cool down lap. It was apparent retaliation for Hornish squeezing Patrick on the last lap; he said he had a flat tire, but she wasn't buying the excuse from her former IndyCar colleague.

Meanwhile, Logano was celebrating his sneaky victory over Busch, his teammate in the Sprint Cup Series.

"I haven't seen one yet that's predictable at Talladega," Logano said. "I just got him right at the line. I was super pumped."

The multi-car accident that collected McClure brought out a 19-minute red flag, and Busch restarted as the leader with two laps to go in the race. Logano went off in third, and immediately pulled onto the back of Busch's bumper.

He stayed in line and pushed Busch around the track as the two teamed to hold off the tandem of Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Cole Whitt.

Stenhouse and Whitt never pulled alongside of Busch and Logano in an attempt to pull them apart, and it gave Logano the chance to make his move.

Dave Einsel / AP

Jack Nicklaus (left), Gary Player (middle) and Arnold Palmer react after Palmer's birdie putt on the 18th green during a Greats of Golf event on Saturday.

Palmer leads legends

Final putt caps exhibition with Nicklaus, Player, other former greats

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

THE WOODLANDS, Texas — Arnold Palmer curled in the 25-foot putt on the 18th hole, raised his right hand and acknowledged the massive, cheering gallery with a thumbs-up sign and his trademark smile.

Jack Nicklaus gave Palmer a hard handshake. Gary Player offered a pat on the back, a fitting end to a memorable day for the golf greats.

Nicklaus, Palmer, Player made up a threesome in a nostalgic, 18-hole exhibition round Saturday in conjunction with the second round of the Champions Tour's Insperity Championship.

Thousands lined the fairways at the Woodlands Country Club and several Champions Tour players joined the gallery to catch a rare glimpse of golf's "Big 3" playing together.

"We enjoyed it," Nicklaus said. "We didn't make any bogeys, we made a few birdies and we hit a few nice shots and had a great time. And that's what this was all about."

Lee Trevino played in the threesome ahead in the nine-man scramble. Miller Barber, Don January, David Graham, Gene Littler and Dave Stockton also participated.

But most of the estimated crowd of 40,000 came to see the Big 3, who hit the ceremonial opening tee shots together at the Masters for the first time this year.

This day was different, and even competitive. Naturally, Nicklaus, Palmer and Player took home the biggest trophy, shooting 11-under par.

"We didn't make it too serious," Palmer said, "but we didn't want to come in second, either."

Before the round, Trevino lamented that he wasn't sure when the group would get to play together again. But Nicklaus, who said he hadn't played in public for six or seven years, said afterward that he was open to the idea.

"I'd do it again," Nicklaus said. "I just don't play golf. I actually hit the ball pretty decently today. I putted very well, and I wouldn't have expected that."

The event seemed to be a huge success, with young and old fans eagerly snapping photos and lining up for autographs between every hole. They were treated not only to entertaining, up-close banter with the players, but also some solid golf.

The 76-year-old Player, who says he routinely shoots six or seven shots below his age, dropped his approach to the par-4 11th hole within 2 feet, setting up one of the group's 11 birdies.

"We birdied the living daylights out of this golf course," Player said. "The quality of golf was like when we were young."

Palmer tapped in the short putt before Player and Nicklaus reached the green, and Palmer bent down and rolled the ball down a hill to Player's feet, drawing laughter from the crowd.

"We've got to hit it closer, guys!" Palmer said, as the players boarded carts and headed for the next tee.

Just as they arrived, Trevino ripped a drive down the middle of the 12th fairway, drawing applause. The chatty Trevino turned to the crowd, raised his driver and cracked, "I may auction this off when we're finished!"

Simpson takes 1-shot lead at hometown course

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The cheers Webb Simpson heard Saturday at Quail Hollow were all for him.

Simpson, who lives about a mile from the course, emerged from a crowded leaderboard with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. He finished with a 3-under 69 for a one-shot lead in the Wells Fargo Championship.

Simpson, who played the opening two rounds with crowd favorite Tiger Woods, was among seven players who had a share of the lead at some point in the third round. One of them was Rory McIlroy, who can return to No. 1 in the world this week. McIlroy was slowed by a three-putt, but had a 66 and was among those two shots behind.

Five players were tied until Simpson made his birdie, and finished with a solid par to reach 14-under 202.

Ryan Moore (68) and D.A. Points (69) were one shot behind, though nothing was settled on a steamy afternoon except for Simpson atop the leaderboard and a lot of his neighbors loving it.

Ten players were separated by four shots, with McIlroy and another 23-year-old sure to command a lot of the attention. Rickie Fowler, trying to win for the first time on the PGA Tour, played in the group ahead of McIlroy and they matched birdies for much of the round. Fowler had a 67 and was three shots back.

Nick Watney missed three birdie chances inside 15 feet over the last seven holes, and then took bogey on the 18th when his drive tumbled into the creek. He had a 72 to join McIlroy at 12-under 204

Stewart Cink, another player in that five-way tie, took four putts from the front of the 18th green for double bogey and shot 71. Even so, he was only three back.

Michael Allen, going for his third straight victory, had a 68 to join Bobby Clampett at 7 under. Clampett shot a 67.

Insperity Championship

THE WOODLANDS, Texas — Fred Funk shot a 3-under 69 in sweltering heat for a share of the second-round lead with Tom Lehman in the Champions Tour's Insperity Championship.

Lehman followed his opening 65 with a 70 to match Funk at 9-under 135 on The Tournament Course.

Mike Goodes and Brad Bryant were one shot back. Goodes had a 67, and Brad Bryant shot a 68.

LPGA Brazil Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO — Thailand's Pornanong Phatlum and France's Karine Icher each 7-under 66 to share the first-round lead in the LPGA Tour's 36-hole Brazil Cup exhibition event.

American Katie Futcher was a shot behind at Itanhanga Golf Club, and Norway's Suzann Pettersen matched Brittany Lang and Candie Kung at 68.

Spanish Open

SEVILLE, Spain — England's Simon Dyson closed with a double bogey for a 1-under 71, leaving him with a one-stroke lead after the third round of the 100th Spanish Open.

Dyson had a 5-under 211 total at Real Club de Golf de Sevilla

Spain's Pablo Larrazabal (69) and Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen (71) were tied for second.

NASCAR

Nationwide-Aaron's 312
Saturday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (4) Joey Logano, Toyota, 122 laps, 117.9 rating, 0 points, $42,645.
2. (12) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 122, 125.5, 0, $40,100.
3. (2) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 122, 92, 42, $39,193.
4. (11) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 122, 100, 41, $34,318.
5. (33) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 122, 124.2, 0, $23,100.
6. (31) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 122, 97.8, 0, $20,525.
7. (7) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 122, 95.8, 0, $27,793.
8. (13) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 122, 85.4, 36, $25,143.
9. (20) Kenny Wallace, Toyota, 122, 93.5, 36, $24,918.
10. (1) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 122, 100, 35, $25,568.
11. (18) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 122, 89.5, 34, $24,268.
12. (8) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 122, 67.7, 33, $24,143.
13. (17) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 122, 90.8, 32, $23,968.
14. (27) Erik Darnell, Chevrolet, 122, 63.2, 30, $23,818.
15. (26) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 122, 71, 0, $24,868.
16. (23) Danny Efland, Chevrolet, 122, 54.1, 28, $23,568.
17. (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 122, 93.4, 28, $23,443.
18. (15) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 122, 67.5, 27, $23,293.
19. (16) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 122, 100.8, 26, $23,168.
20. (9) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 121, 61, 0, $17,075.
21. (28) Timmy Hill, Ford, 117, 45.5, 23, $23,043.
22. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, accident, 116, 98.9, 0, $16,250.
23. (10) Michael Annett, Ford, accident, 116, 91.3, 21, $22,568.
24. (14) Tayler Malsam, Toyota, accident, 116, 69.1, 20, $22,418.
25. (43) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, accident, 116, 61.2, 19, $16,075.
26. (34) Robert Richardson Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 116, 63.2, 18, $15,850.
27. (29) Eric McClure, Toyota, accident, 116, 62.7, 17, $21,993.
28. (19) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, accident, 113, 73.8, 17, $21,868.
29. (21) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 113, 53, 15, $21,718.
30. (36) Josh Richards, Ford, fuel pump, 85, 62, 14, $15,325.
31. (35) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, 82, 36.6, 13, $14,975.
32. (30) Tim Andrews, Ford, overheating, 64, 35.6, 13, $14,900.
33. (6) Brad Sweet, Chevrolet, accident, 62, 65.5, 11, $21,333.
34. (25) Jason Bowles, Toyota, accident, 32, 59.7, 10, $21,298.
35. (32) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, accident, 29, 48.3, 9, $14,790.
36. (22) Brian Scott, Toyota, accident, 29, 62.9, 8, $21,198.
37. (24) Johanna Long, Chevrolet, overheating, 18, 41, 7, $21,163.
38. (42) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, vibration, 12, 30.9, 6, $14,661.
39. (32) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 9, 33.7, 5, $14,525.
40. (40) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, electrical, 9, 30.5, 0, $14,425.
41. (39) Chase Miller, Chevrolet, vibration, 8, 28.5, 3, $14,380.
42. (41) Scott Speed, Chevrolet, ignition, 2, 28.8, 0, $14,345.
43. (37) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, clutch, 1, 27.4, 1, $14,284.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 136.258 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 22 minutes, 54 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.034 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 27 laps.
Lead Changes: 37 among 18 drivers.
Lap Leaders: E.Sadler 1-4; K.Harvick 5; A.Dillon 6-7; J.Buescher 8-13; Ku.Busch 14; J.Logano 15; E.Sadler 16-17; Ky.Busch 18; J.Buescher 19-21; R.Stenhouse Jr. 22; T.Andrews 23; Ky.Busch 24-29; D.Earnhardt Jr. 26; J.Logano 27-30; D.Earnhardt Jr. 31-34; J.Logano 35-41; M.Bliss 42-43; J.Logano 44-46; D.Earnhardt Jr. 47-51; J.Nemechek 52; M.Wallace 53; D.Earnhardt Jr. 54-63; K.Harvick 64-65; A.Dillon 66-67; C.Whitt 68-70; K.Wallace 71; D.Earnhardt Jr. 72; E.Sadler 73-74; R.Truex 75; D.Earnhardt Jr. 76-77; D.Patrick 78; D.Earnhardt Jr. 79-80; K.Harvick 81-82; S.Hornish Jr. 83-84; K.Harvick 85-87; J.Logano 88; Ky.Busch 89-121; J.Logano 122.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Ky.Busch, 3 times for 36 laps; D.Earnhardt Jr., 7 times for 25 laps; J.Logano, 6 times for 17 laps; J.Buescher, 2 times for 9 laps; E.Sadler, 3 times for 8 laps; K.Harvick, 4 times for 8 laps; A.Dillon, 2 times for 2 laps; C.Whitt, 1 time for 3 laps; S.Hornish Jr., 1 time for 2 laps; M.Bliss, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Stenhouse Jr., 1 time for 1 lap; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 1 lap; K.Wallace, 1 time for 1 lap; R.Truex, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Patrick, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Nemechek, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Wallace, 1 time for 1 lap; T.Andrews, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 10 In Points: 1. R.Stenhouse Jr., 325; 2. E.Sadler, 320; 3. A.Dillon, 290; 4. S.Hornish Jr., 265; 5. C.Whitt, 248; 6. M.Annett, 241; 7. J.Allgaier, 228; 8. T.Malsam, 202; 9. M.Bliss, 201; 10. J.Nemechek, 189.

Sprint Cup-Aaron's 499 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Talladega Superspeedway
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 191.623.
2. (22) A.J.Allmendinger, Dodge, 191.111.
3. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 191.039.
4. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 190.981.
5. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 190.772.
6. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 190.586.
7. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 190.586.
8. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 190.476.
9. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 190.245.
10. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 190.2.
11. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 190.2.
12. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 190.14.
13. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 190.072.
14. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 190.064.
15. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 189.959.
16. (26) Josh Wise, Ford, 189.959.
17. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 189.906.
18. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 189.864.
19. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 189.797.
20. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 189.785.
21. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 189.691.
22. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 189.68.
23. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 189.601.
24. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 189.556.
25. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 189.477.
26. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 189.354.
27. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 189.331.
28. (32) Terry Labonte, Ford, 189.182.
29. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 189.1.
30. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 189.073.
31. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 189.051.
32. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 189.021.
33. (51) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 188.984.
34. (10) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 188.902.
35. (98) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188.63.
36. (97) Bill Elliott, Toyota, 188.171.
37. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 188.012.
38. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 187.625.
39. (23) Robert Richardson Jr., Toyota, 186.71.
40. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 186.293.
41. (83) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, Owner Points.
42. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, Owner Points.
43. (33) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 186.528.
Failed to Qualify
44. (49) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 186.296.

JC BASEBALL

First game
Macomb 11, Lake Michigan College 2

Macomb	232	010	3	—	11	11	0
LMC	020	000	0	—	2	5	0

WP — Clutterbuck. LP — Brandon Davis.
Top hitters — LMC: Ryan Duva 2 1b; Zac Hyatt 2b.

Second game
Macomb 10, Lake Michigan College 2

Macomb	002	600	2	—	10	9	0
LMC	110	000	0	—	2	6	0

WP — Walter. LP — Mike Melcher.
Top hitters — LMC: Carey Ress 2 1b.
Records — Macomb 19-7, 34-15; LMC 8-18, 11-31.

GOLF

PGA-Wells Fargo Scores
Saturday
At Quail Hollow Club Course,
Charlotte, N.C.
Purse: $6.5 million
Yardage: 7,469; Par: 72
Third Round

Webb Simpson	65-68-69 — 202
Ryan Moore	65-70-68 — 203
D.A. Points	66-68-69 — 203
Rory McIlroy	70-68-66 — 204
Nick Watney	66-68-74 — 208
Ricky Fowler	66-72-67 — 205
Stewart Cink	65-69-71 — 205
Geoff Ogilvy	71-70-65 — 206
George McNeill	70-68-68 — 206
John Senden	66-68-72 — 206
Ben Crane	70-64-73 — 207
Jones Blixt	68-73-67 — 208
Richard H. Lee	70-69-69 — 208
Seung-Yul Noh	68-70-70 — 208
Robert Garrigus	69-72-68 — 209
Patrick Reed	66-74-69 — 209
Brian Davis	66-74-69 — 209
Tommy Gainey	68-72-69 — 209
Jason Day	70-70-69 — 209
Jeff Overton	68-71-70 — 209
David Toms	74-65-70 — 209
Martin Flores	68-70-71 — 209
Tom Gillis	73-68-69 — 210
Sean O'Hair	72-69-69 — 210
Camilo Villegas	71-70-69 — 210
James Driscoll	71-70-69 — 210
Steve Lovin	72-68-70 — 210
Ben Curtis	69-70-71 — 210
Jonathan Byrd	69-69-72 — 210
Phil Mickelson	71-72-68 — 211
Lee Westwood	71-72-68 — 211
Kyle Reifers	70-72-69 — 211
Martin Laird	72-70-69 — 211
J.B. Holmes	71-71-69 — 211
Carl Pettersson	69-72-70 — 211
Sung Kang	71-70-70 — 211
Billy Mayfair	67-71-73 — 211
Robert Karlsson	71-67-73 — 211
Johnson Wagner	71-66-74 — 211
Heath Slocum	69-67-75 — 211
Hunter Haas	68-68-75 — 211
Kevin Stadler	68-74-70 — 212
Brendon de Jonge	67-73-72 — 212
Roberto Castro	68-72-72 — 212
John Merrick	70-68-74 — 212
Rocco Mediate	68-69-75 — 212
Arjun Atwal	68-69-75 — 212
Will Claxton	71-72-70 — 213
Troy Matteson	74-69-70 — 213
Cameron Tringale	69-74-70 — 213
Josh Teater	69-73-71 — 213
Jim Furyk	71-71-71 — 213
J.J. Henry	73-69-71 — 213
Brian Harman	67-74-72 — 213
Ryuji Imada	69-72-72 — 213
Kevin Chappell	72-71-71 — 214
Brendan Steele	71-72-71 — 214
Dicky Pride	69-72-73 — 214
Andres Romero	70-71-73 — 214
Chad Campbell	72-71-72 — 215
Ken Duke	72-71-72 — 215
Jimmy Walker	69-73-73 — 215
Chris Kirk	75-67-73 — 215
Brandt Jobe	72-70-73 — 215
Sang-Moon Bae	69-69-77 — 215
Alexandre Rocha	68-75-73 — 216
Marc Leishman	75-67-74 — 216
Hunter Mahan	73-68-75 — 216
Gary Christian	73-70-74 — 217
Aaron Baddeley	69-73-75 — 217
Gavin Coles	72-71-75 — 218
David Hearn	70-72-76 — 218
Zach Johnson	70-71-77 — 218
Harris English	70-72-77 — 219

Champions Tour-Insperity Championship
Saturday
At The Woodlands CC
The Woodlands, Texas
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 7,002; Par: 72
Second Round

Tom Lehman	65-70 — 135
Fred Funk	66-69 — 135
Mike Goodes	69-67 — 136
Brad Bryant	68-68 — 136
Bobby Clampett	70-67 — 137
Michael Allen	69-68 — 137
Tom Byrum	69-69 — 138
Russ Cochran	72-67 — 139
P.H. Horgan III	70-69 — 139
Bernhard Langer	68-71 — 139
Bruce Vaughan	73-67 — 140
Bobby Wadkins	72-68 — 140
Dan Forsman	71-69 — 140
Blaine McCallister	72-68 — 140
Jeff Sluman	70-70 — 140
Gene Jones	69-71 — 140
Bob Tway	72-69 — 141
Corey Pavin	71-70 — 141
Joel Sottlo	68-73 — 141
John Cook	68-73 — 141
Chip Beck	73-69 — 142
Bill Glasson	73-69 — 142
Mike Reid	71-71 — 142
Hale Irwin	70-72 — 142
Hal Sutton	70-72 — 142
Mark Calcavecchia	69-73 — 142
Loren Roberts	68-74 — 142
Olin Browne	68-74 — 142
R.W. Eaks	74-69 — 143
Jay Haas	73-70 — 143
Peter Senior	73-70 — 143
Steve Lowery	73-70 — 143
James Mason	72-71 — 143
Jeff Sluman	72-71 — 143
Jay Don Blake	72-71 — 143
Kenny Perry	72-71 — 143
Jim Carter	72-71 — 143
Jim Thorpe	70-73 — 143
Peter Jacobsen	70-73 — 143
David Frost	69-74 — 143
John Huston	68-75 — 143
Tom Jenkins	66-77 — 143
Jim Rutledge	72-72 — 144
Eduardo Romero	72-72 — 144
Stan Utley	71-73 — 144
David Peoples	68-76 — 144
Sonny Skinner	75-69 — 144
Wayne Levi	74-71 — 145
Mark Wiebe	74-71 — 145
Tom Purtzer	74-71 — 145
Mark McNulty	73-72 — 145
D.A. Weibring	72-73 — 145
Andy Bean	72-73 — 145
John Harris	71-74 — 145
Tom Kite	71-74 — 145
Joel Edwards	70-75 — 145
David Eger	68-77 — 145
Gary Hallberg	75-71 — 146
Larry Mize	74-72 — 146
Larry Nelson	73-73 — 146
Dana Quigley	73-73 — 146
J.L. Lewis	73-73 — 146
Willie Wood	73-73 — 146
Ben Crenshaw	76-71 — 147
Jeff Freeman	72-75 — 147
Mark Brooks	75-73 — 148
Curtis Strange	72-76 — 148
Bob Gilder	77-72 — 149
Joey Sindelar	75-74 — 149
Fuzzy Zoeller	75-74 — 149
Keith Fergus	73-76 — 149
Bill Gallagher, Jr.	77-73 — 150
Mike McCullough	73-77 — 150
Gil Morgan	77-74 — 151
Ted Schulz	76-75 — 151
Chien Soon Lu	76-75 — 151
Robin Freeman	72-79 — 151
Kirk Triplett	73-79 — 152
Steve Pate	80-77 — 157
Jeff Hart	76-WD
John Jacobs	80-WD

NHL

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Friday's game
Phoenix 1, Nashville 0, Phoenix leads series 3-1

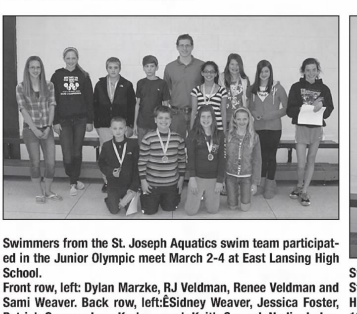
Saturday's game
Washington 3, NY Rangers 2, series tied 2-2
Today's games
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

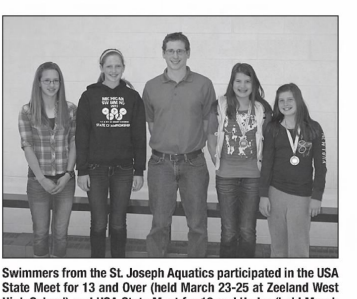
FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFFS
Friday's games
Boston 90, Atlanta 84, OT, Boston leads series 2-1
Philadelphia 79, Chicago 74, Philadelphia leads series 2-1
Denver 99, L.A. Lakers 84, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Saturday's games
Indiana 101, Orlando 99, OT, Indiana leads series 3-1
L.A. Clippers 87, Memphis 86, L.A. Clippers leads series 2-1
Oklahoma City 103, Dallas 97, Oklahoma City wins series 4-0
San Antonio at Utah
Today's games
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

HOMETOWN HEROES



Swimmers from the St. Joseph Aquatics swim team participated in the Junior Olympic meet March 2-4 at East Lansing High School.
Front row, left: Dylan Marzke, RJ Veldman, Renee Veldman and Sami Weaver. Back row, left:ÊSidney Weaver, Jessica Foster, Patrick Sawyer, Lars Krebs, coach Keith Conrad, Nadia Judge, Lindsay Marohn, Lauren Yacobozzi and Megan Montgomery. Not pictured is Taylor Grashuis.



Swimmers from the St. Joseph Aquatics participated in the USA State Meet for 13 and Over (held March 23-25 at Zeeland West High School) and USA State Meet for 12 and Under (held March 16-18 in Lake Orion).
From left: Sidney Weaver, Jessica Foster, coach Keith Conrad, Lindsay Marohn and Renee Veldman. Not pictured are Mitchell Davis and Jack Warden.

Jennifer Jackemeyer of Power in Motion Gymnastics recently represented the state of Michigan in a regional gymnastics competition held in Bourbannais, Ill. She competed against 63 girls from five states and won the seventh place medal for her floor routine with a score of 9.3.ÊShe also won the silver (medal for her vault with a score of 9.475.
She was chosen to be one of eight girls to compete on the state team for Michigan, and her scores helped Team Michigan win the regional team award for the Level 8 Senior E age-level. She is a senior at Michigan Lutheran High School. She is pictured with her coaches Amber Williams (left) and Chad Williams (right).

The Michigan Lutheran Middle School basketball team was selected as one of the 32 teams to play in the 66th annual LBAA National at Valparaiso University in March.
Bottom row, left: Coach Bret Witkowski, manager Sara Moncrief, Lilli Kaczynski, Harneet Singh, Erika Rosembaum, Anna Pelky, Kelli Williams and assistant coach Brandon Newberry. Back row, left: Assistant coach Doug Williams, Lucy Bartz, Julia Kubath, Morgan McGhee, Liza Moncrief, Emily Witkowski and assistant coach Jane Nitz.

ROTARY TRACK MEET RESULTS

Friday
at Filstrup Field, Benton Harbor
Boys
Discus - 1. Evan Hartman (Brandywine) 147-6, 2. Alex Rutherford (SJ) 132-6, 3. Chris Evans (Berrien Springs) 130-8, 4. Alvero Alvila (Niles) 128-2, 5. Sebastion Avello (Lakeshore) 117-1.
3200 relay - 1. Edwardsburg (Derek Scott, Alan Lopez, Hunter Woods, Josh Clark) 8:16.38, 2. Niles 8:33.88, 3. Lake Michigan Catholic 8:36.38, 4. Lakeshore 8:38.16, 5. Watervliet 8:43.82.
110 hurdles - 1. Raheem Franklin (Benton Harbor) 14.91, 2. Brandon Partee (Niles) 15.18, 3. Greg Hall (Edw) 15.46, 4. Zach Weber (Eau Claire) 16.12, 5. Terrance Spencer (BH) 16.52.
100 - 1. Josh Schoeplein (SJ) 11.396, 2. Evan Brown (Cassopolis) 11.413, 3. Ronnie Jones (Niles) 11.586, 4. Taylor Dreshon (BH) 11.586, 5. Palmore Cicone (Niles) 11.68.
800 relay - 1. Niles (Quinton Irby, Ronnie Jones, Cicone Palmore, Brandon Partee) 1:31.6, 2. St. Joseph 1:33.29, 3. Lakeshore 1:33.37, 4. Watervliet 1:34.54, 5. Edwardsburg 1:36.0.
1600 - 1. David Berry (SJ) 4:25.97, 2. Charlie Felton (SJ) 4:28.67, 3. Chris Gantt (Dowagiac) 4:29.42, 4. Nick Whise (SJ) 4:30.52, 5. Kyle Richardson (PP) 4:30.72.
Shot put - 1. Davion Mitchell (SJ) 47-1, 2. Johnathon Williams (Berrien Springs) 45-10 1/2, 3. Derick Scott (Niles) 45-0 1/2, 4. Sam Courtney (Dow) 42-9, 5. Kenny Creammeans (Dow) 42-0.
400 relay - 1. Niles (David Hayes, Ronnie Jones, Cicone Palmore, Brandon Partee) 45.21, 2. Edwardsburg 45.32, 3. Watervliet 45.39, 4. Lakeshore 45.69, 5. Berrien Springs 45.82.
400 - 1. Colby Clark (Lks) 50.5, 2. Jacob Kohler (BS) 50.91, 3. Josh Schoeplein (SJ) 51.31, 4. Quinton Irby (Niles) 51.68, 5. Hunter Woods (Edw) 52.09.
Pole Vault - 1. Skye Roy (Edw) 13-0, 2. Jamin Arthur (SJ) 11-0, 3. Cody Yergeau (Lks) 10-6, 4. Cody Stick (Niles) 10-6, 5. Dylan Williamson (Buchanan) 10-6.
High jump - 1. Demarcus Leak (PP) 5-11, 2. Jeffrey Gumbo (BS) 5-10, 3. Johnathan Williams (BS) 5-8, 4. Freddie DeWitt (SJ) 5-8, 5. Jim Mullen (NB) 5-8.
Long jump - 1. Mason Shinrock (SJ) 19-4 3/4, 2. Anthony Bice (Niles) 19-2 1/4, 3. Jesse May (Edw) 19-0 1/2, 4. Kelly Mellenberger (Lks) 18-11 3/4, 5. Ian Montgomery (Cass) 18-4 1/4.
300 hurdles - 1. Raheem Franklin (BH) 39.43, 2. AJ Srmek (Brandywine) 40.18, 3. Brandon Partee (Niles) 41.5, 4. Timothy Davis (BH) 43.14, 5. Juvauntae Thomas (Watervliet) 43.43.
800 - 1. Josh Clark (Edw) 1:57.62, 2. Charlie Felton (SJ) 1:59.87, 3. Chris Gantt (Dow) 2:02.34, 4. Nick Whise (SJ) 2:05.08, 5. Derek Scott (Edw) 2:06.31.
200 - 1. Brock Thumm (Wat) 23.32, 2. Josh Schoeplein (SJ) 23.44, 3. Adam Kendall (Edw) 23.84, 4. Courtlan Gordon (Bry) 24.0, 5. Andrew Buchele (Lake Michigan Catholic) 24.02.
3200 (times unavailable) - 1. David Berry (SJ), 2. Kyle Richardson (PP), 3. Kirkland Love (Wat), 4. Charlie Felton (SJ), 5. Joseph Beemer (SJ).
1600 relay - 1. Watervliet (R.J. Rudel, Bailey Blocker, David McClendon, Brock Thumm) 3:30.68, 2. Edwardsburg 3:31.4, 3. Niles 3:35.81, 4. Lake Michigan Catholic 3:42.34, 5. Berrien Springs 3:44.3.

Girls
3200 relay - 1. Lake Michigan Catholic (Monique Allen, Hayley Barker, Alisse Havlicek, Katherine Nuter) 11:05.63, 2. Niles 11:14.63, 3. Edwardsburg 11:18.79, 4. St. Joseph 11:23.87, 5. Paw Paw 11:25.69.
100 hurdles - 1. Paige Anderson (Berrien Springs) 15.35, 2. Dajah Bogan (SJ) 16.16, 3. Celestine Schwartz (PP) 16.85, 4. Taylor Russell (SJ) 17.06, 5. Eulaisha Ellis (BH) 17.44.
100 - 1. Jonshequa Mickie (BH) 12.756, 2. Brianna Dinneen (Buchanan) 12.773, 3. Breanna Coleman (Cass) 13.023, 4. Rakeisha Jackson (Countryside) 13.424, 5. Patrionna Patterson (Watervliet) 13.44.
800 relay - 1. Benton Harbor (Candace Krause, Justin Coleman, Angela Hadley, Jonshequa Mickie) 1:48.95, 2. Niles 1:51.22, 3. Dowagiac 1:54.09, 4. Berrien Springs 1:55.47, 5. Lakeshore 1:55.64.
1600 - 1. Aubrey Ritchey (Edw) 5:25.06, 2. Rachel Bendewald (SJ) 5:25.38, 3. Kayla DePierre (PP) 5:33.69, 4. Kelsey Ramirez (Lks) 5:39.44, 5. Natalie Hepburn (SJ) 6:01.94.
Shot put - 1. Regina Kennedy (Dow) 35-4 1/2, 2. Lena Madison (New Buffalo) 34-10, 3. Arline Wilson (BH) 34-8 1/2, 4. Natalie Kmet (PP) 34-8, Jade Madison (NB) 33-5.
Discus - 1. Lena Madison (NB) 115-10, 2. Porshea Monte (Watervliet) 103-10, 3. Tyler Curley (Lks) 99-0, 4. Alex Miller (Lks) 95-4, 5. Natalie Kmet (PP) 91-10.
400 relay - 1. Benton Harbor (Candace Krause, Justin Coleman, Angela Hadley, Jonshequa Mickie) 51.6, 2. Berrien Springs 52.88, 3. Lakeshore 53.08, 4. St. Joseph 53.35, 5. Dowagiac 54.32.
Pole Vault - 1. Jordan Rose (SJ) 9-0, 2. Elisa Herrman (Lks) 8-11, 3. Kayla DePierre (PP) 8-6, 4. Casey Garcia (Edw) 8-6, 5. Erika Stacey (Lks) 7-6.
High jump - 1. Creona Rodgers (Dow) 5-2, 2. (tie) Miranda Baker (Niles) and Gabby Andrews (Lks) 5-0, 4. Casey Clark (Wat) 4-11, 5. Jordan Rose (SJ) 4-8.
Long jump - 1. Creona Rodgers (Dow) 14-10 1/4, 2. Paige Anderson (BS) 14-10, 3. Dennee Brown (BH) 14-2 1/2, 4. Eulaisha Ellis (BH) 14-2, 5. Alexis Meahl (Buch) 14-0 1/2.
400 - 1. Whitney Johnson (PP) 1:01.79, 2. Summer Lenhartz (SJ) 1:01.99, 3. Paige Anderson (BS) 1:02.3, 4. Lauren Brower (SJ) 1:04.88, 5. Lauren Guldan (SJ) 1:05.91.
800 - 1. Rachel Bendewald (SJ) 2:27.59, 2. Kelsey Ramirez (Lks) 2:34.0, 3. Summer Lennartz (SJ) 2:38.4, 4. Lauren Brower (SJ) 2:39.59, 5. Natalie Hepburn (SJ) 2:40.78.
300 hurdles - 1. Candace Krause (BH) 47.03, 2. Celestine Schwartz (PP) 50.22, 3. Olivia Hack (Edw) 51.25, 4. Angel Parker (Dow) 51.3, 5. Caprice Mottley (BS) 53.75.
200 - 1. Brianna Dinneen (Buchanan) 26.87, 2. Jonshequa Mickie (BH) 27.28, 3. Breanna Coleman (Cass) 28.13, 4. Emily Watson (PP) 28.27, 5. Patrionna Patterson (Wat) 28.43.
3200 - 1. Aubrey Ritchie (Edw) 11:56.84, 2. Kayla DePierre (PP) 11:59.7, 3. Leah McQuone (SJ) 13:39.18, 4. Natalie Whise (SJ) 13:44.28, 5. Miranda Bronicki (Edw) 14:02.03.
1600 relay - 1. Niles (Chantel Baker, Paige Chaffin, Taylor Brandstatter, Lashonda Green) 4:13.9, 2. St. Joseph 4:19.7, 3. Lakeshore 4:20.78, 4. Berrien Springs 4:33.9, 5. Paw Paw 4:34.9.

AREA SCHEDULE

Monday's games
Baseball
Grace Christian at Michigan Lutheran, 4:15
Watervliet at Hartford, 4:30
Centreville at Brandywine, 4:15
Lawrence at Bridgman, 4:30
Granger Christian at River Valley, 4:15
Softball
St. Joseph at SBS t. Joseph's, 5
Watervliet at Hartford, 4:30
Centreville at Brandywine, 4:15
Mendon at Decatur, 4:30
Girls soccer
Portage Northern at St. Joseph, 6:45
Mattawan at Benton Harbor, 6:45
River Valley at Michigan Lutheran, 5
South Haven at Paw Paw, 6:45
Comstock at Dowagiac, 5:45
Bridgman at New Buffalo, 5
Fennville at Bangor, 5
Girls tennis
Lakeshore at St. Joseph, 4
Eau Claire at Edwardsburg, 4
South Haven at Allegan, 4
Paw Paw at Dowagiac, 4
Kala Christian at Berrien Springs, 4:30
Boys golf
St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Niles, Lake Michigan Catholic, South Haven at Kalamazoo Hackett Inv., 10
Dowagiac at Coloma, 3:30
River Valley at Brandywine, 4
Track
Bridgman at Berrien Springs, 4:30
Cassopolis at Brandywine, 4:30
Buchanan at Edwardsburg, 4:30
River Valley at Coloma, 4:30

Tuesday's games
Baseball
Lakeshore at St. Joseph, 4
Niles at Benton Harbor, 4
Michigan Lutheran at New Buffalo, 4:15
South Haven at Paw Paw, 4
Comstock at Dowagiac, 4
Edwardsburg at Brandywine, 4:15
Coloma at Bridgman, 4:15
Cassopolis at Buchanan, 4:15
Softball
Lakeshore at St. Joseph, 4:30
Niles at Benton Harbor, 4
Michigan Lutheran at New Buffalo, 4:15
Eau Claire at Howardsville Christian, 4:15
South Haven at Paw Paw, 4
Comstock at Dowagiac, 4
Hartford at Berrien Springs, 4
Edwardsburg at Brandywine, 4:15
Coloma at Bridgman, 4:15
Cassopolis at Buchanan, 4:15
Girls soccer
Edwardsburg at Coloma, 5
Cassopolis at Brandywine, 5
Bridgman at Buchanan, 5
Girls tennis
Niles at Dowagiac, 4
Eau Claire at Berrien Springs, 4
Coloma at South Haven, 4
Niles at Dowagiac, 4
Boys golf
Watervliet, New Buffalo at Buchanan, 4:30
Track
Wolverine jamboree at Plainwell, 4:15
Lawrence at Kal. Christian, 4:30
Benton Harbor, Kal. Central at Lakeshore, 4

Wednesday's games
Baseball
Fennville at Buchanan, 4:30
Softball
Fennville at Buchanan, 4:30
Girls soccer
Niles at St. Joseph, 6:45
Lakeshore at SMAC East crossover, 6:45
Benton Harbor at Kal. Central, 6:45
South Haven at Comstock, 6:45
Plainwell at Dowagiac, 5:45
Edwardsburg at Berrien Springs, 5
Girls tennis
Battle Creek Harper Creek at St. Joseph, 4:30
Dowagiac at Brandywine, 4
Boys golf
SMAC West at Niles, 3:30
Red Arrow Jamboree @ Grand Beach, 4
Track
Marcellus at Watervliet, 4:30
Lawrence at Hartford, 4:30
Lawton at Decatur, 4:30
Bloomingdale at Gobles, 4:30
Saugatuck at Bangor, 4:30

Thursday's games
Baseball
Edwardsburg at St. Joseph, 4:15
Benton Harbor at Cassopolis, 4
Niles at Berrien Springs, 4:15
Lawrence at Watervliet, 4:30
Hartford at Marcellus, 4:30
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 4:30
Decatur at Lawton, 4:30
Bloomingdale at Bangor, 4:30
Softball
Edwardsburg at St. Joseph, 4:15
Benton Harbor at Cassopolis, 4
South Haven at Comstock, 4
Lawrence at Watervliet, 4:30
Hartford at Marcellus, 4:30
River Valley at Howardsville Christian, 4:30
Decatur at Lawton, 4:30
Bloomingdale at Bangor, 4:30
Girls soccer
Michigan Lutheran at Bridgman, 5
Lake Michigan Catholic at New Buffalo, 6
Girls tennis
Niles at Berrien Springs, 4
Boys golf
Lakeland Conference jamboree at Edwardsburg, 4

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lansing (Blue Jays)	20	8	.714	—
SBend (Diamondbacks)	17	12	.586	3½
Bowling Green (Rays)	16	13	.552	4½
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	16	13	.552	4½
West Michigan (Tigers)	14	15	.483	6½
Dayton (Reds)	12	17	.414	8½
Fort Wayne (Padres)	12	17	.414	8½
Lake County (Indians)	11	17	.393	9
Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Wisconsin (Brewers)	18	11	.621	—
Beloit (Twins)	16	13	.552	2
Quad Cities (Cardinals)	16	13	.552	2
Kane County (Royals)	14	15	.483	4
Burlington (Athletics)	13	15	.464	4½
Cedar Rapids (Angels)	13	16	.448	5
Clinton (Mariners)	11	17	.393	6½
Peoria (Cubs)	11	18	.379	7

Saturday's Games
Kane County 7, Beloit 4
Clinton 4, Burlington 0
Fort Wayne 3, Dayton 0
Lansing 2, West Michigan 0
Great Lakes 6, South Bend 1
Wisconsin 4, Cedar Rapids 3
Quad Cities 20, Peoria 5
Bowling Green 2, Lake County 0
Today's Games
Fort Wayne at Dayton, 2 p.m.
Great Lakes at South Bend, 2:05 p.m.
West Michigan at Lansing, 2:05 p.m.
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, 2:05 p.m.
Kane County at Beloit, 3 p.m.
Burlington at Clinton

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364
296

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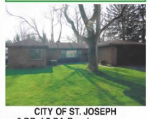

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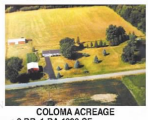

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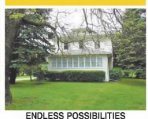

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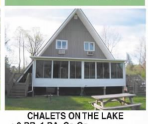

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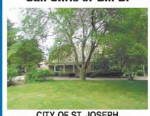

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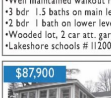
- Heated 40x72 Pole Barn w Addtn.
- Galien, #G12009588

$169,900



- Well maintained walkout ranch
- 3 bdr 1.5 baths on main level
- 2 bdr 1 bath on lower level, FP
- Wooded lot, 2 car att. garage
- Lakeshore schools # I12008684

$194,500

- 14+ acres to enjoy
- 3 bdr, 2 ba home.
- Wet bar, private deck
- Barn, pole barn,shed
- Baroda #MI0026467

$99,900

- Updated 3 bdr brick ranch
- Newer roof & gutters, storage
- Hardwood floors, Fenced back
- Full bsmt, unfinished, fireplace
- St Joseph Twp #FI2001937

$165,000

- Great location, 3 bdr 2 ba
- Move in ready, bright, spacious
- New flooring throughout home
- Lots of updates in home
- Huge Deck MLS# DI2019717

$84,900

- Big things come in little packages!
- Adorable, move in ready,
- improvements, bstm finished w/
- family/rec rom, fireplace & bar
- B.H-St Joseph Twp #MI2009599

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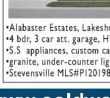

- Alabaster Estates, Lakeshore Sch.
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- granite, under-counter lighting
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- Maintenance free living
- Finished walk-out lower
- 2 car att. garage, fireplace
- Lakeshore, #VI2020411

$214,900 PRICE REDUCED

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- Over 2000 SF with finished basement
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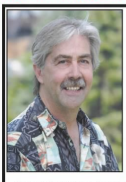
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3395 Wyndwicke, St. Joseph
Dir: Niles Rd to E on Woodcocke (Tur Oaks)
$409,900 – 4 BR, 3.5 BA, fnshd bsmt, granite countertops, pantry, office, mstr suite, landscaped, decking, invisible fence & 3 car gar. Becky Angleov 519-4372

OPEN 2-4

5330 Meadow Ln, Coloma
Dir: Red Arrow Hwy E (at 9-96) to S on Lake Rd to W on Meadow Ln
$223,900 – Built in 2005, master & mstr bath, 2nd bath, frpl, ldry & kit on main flr, walkout level w/2 BR, bath, fam rm & storage, 2 decks, & 2 car gar. Joe Hoffmann 208-5101

M12014532 - $69,900 – Charm, character & affordability describe this updated 2 BR on 1.3 acres. Knotty pine paneled lvg rm & eat-in kit. Breezeway attached the garage. Sandi Zeidler 932-5225

D12011376 - $529,900 – Spectacular 5 BR, 2.5 BA, SS appls, porcelain tile, 2 ctrl A/C units & 2 furnaces, Jacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, extensive landscaping full basement & more in Bear Lake dev. Simon Hoffmann 208-5102

B12018291 - $1,070,000 – The ultimate 5+ acre lot w/155' Lake Michigan frontage is 1300+ ft long & 5 mi N of South Haven. Buildable virgin land w/excellent water. Tom Tucker 773-666-3300

L12016988 - $109,000 – Commercial building with 2 extra storage buildings, extra parking area in front of building. 90' x 191' lot. Ron Kucharzyk 208-1456

T11026201- $255,900 – Well maintained & nicely decorated 4 BR, colonial features fireplace, updated kitchen, SS appliances, & All season rm. Shirley Hoffmann 208-5100

W11041877 - $309,900 – Charming St Joseph home, w/hdwd flrs, open stairway, new SS appls, surround sound, bsmt rec room & 3 car garage. Shirley Hoffmann 208-5100

L12004033 - $389,000 – Large home, on cul-de-sac near Upton Intermediate School. Living Rm w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, den, outdoor motion lights, & 3 car gar. Shirley Hoffmann 208-5100

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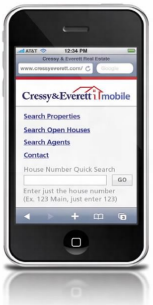

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Directions: Red Arrow Hwy to Johnson Rd to South on Stevensville-Baroda Rd to Bell Circle
Welcome home to this immaculate ranch style home. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Soaring ceilings, massive open floor plan, gorgeous stone fireplace, & elevated rear deck spanning entire house. This home is move in ready!
Price reduced to $279,900.
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1599 Hickory Trace Dr., Stevensville
Directions: Off Cleveland N of John Beers at entrance near SWM Mdical Clinic
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OPEN 1-3PM

5531 Ivy Path, Stevensville
Directions: Cleveland to Hickory Trace to Ivy Path
New listing. Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath, finished lower level walkout on the ravine. Former Hickory Trace Model. $199,900
Your Host: Jane Clifton.

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2375 Riverside Pointe, St. Joseph
Directions: Niles Ave to Eagle Pointe Marina to end, Rt on Riverside Pt to end of cul-de-sac
Breathtaking views of the St. Joe River from every room. Soaring cathedral ceiling and wrap around decks overlooking the water. Open floor plan for entertaining. Boat slip #35 included. $699,000.
Your Host: Karen Barnes

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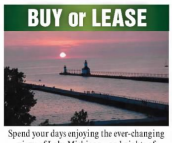

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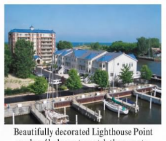

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930 Tucker
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2900 Villa Lane
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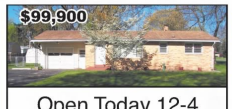

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2794 Carrie Ln, St Joseph (Lincoln Ave to Wedgewood to Carrie Ln) Sharp 3br/1bath, 1088 sq ft, full basement w13x39 rec room & shower, wood floors, fenced yard, deck, freshly painted in & out, immediate occupancy, $99,900
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ACROSS

1 Memorable touchdown maker, briefly
4 Girl having a ball?
7 "Arabian Nights" woodcutter
14 Moral climate
19 Tchotchke holder
21 CPU jointly developed by Apple, IBM and Motorola
22 Cook just below a boil
23 Intrinsically
24 First woman on the Supreme Court
25 Sleeper's difficulty
26 Presidential stylists?
28 Apt. feature, in ads
30 "Crimiy!"
31 Plant deeply
32 Banned pesticide
34 "Martin Chuzzlewit" novelist
36 Blond shade
39 Bk. read at Purim
40 Holdup
42 ___ beer: low-alcohol beverage
43 Snowman's eyes
45 Helipad fee?
48 Humanities degs.
51 Perry of fashion
52 Narrow waterway
53 Filling aids
54 Like aged cheddar
56 Kewpie, e.g.
57 Still going
60 Canapé spread
62 Enjoying a lot
63 Viscounts' superiors
65 "I'm hunting wabbits" speaker
67 Live-in helper
69 Gift holder
71 Fireside deity?
75 Trick
76 Bird of prey
78 Dalmatian, for one
79 Hasidic teacher
81 Company that makes the Ektorp sofa
82 "GWTW" plantation
84 Church ceremony
87 Yemen neighbor
90 Gives in
92 Bits of wordplay
94 Down for the count
95 Gun-shy
96 Nav. rank
97 Punching range?
101 Palmer of the links
102 572-year-old school
104 Sets, as a trap
105 Neurol. readouts
107 Ink spots, briefly?
108 Hollies hit featuring a shared umbrella
111 NYC subway org.
112 Longtime "Sexually Speaking" host
114 View from Neuchâtel, to locals
115 Courtroom VIPs
117 Furs worn in a spring parade?
122 Cal. ___
124 It's based on past legal decisions
126 "If you ask me ..."
127 Like Samuel Beckett
128 Off the charts
129 Geico spokespeople with a short-lived sitcom
130 Puts on cargo
131 Has a conniption
132 Nor. neighbor
133 "Doctor Who" creatures

DOWN

1 Sister of Rachel
2 Jazz legend James
3 Half a food fish
4 "Children of a Lesser God" subject
5 Box score statistic
6 Affiance
7 Yeats's "___ to His Beloved"
8 Bonkers
9 "Hmm, maybe ..."
10 Eggs ___: brunch fare
11 Prince Valiant's son
12 Fraternal org.
13 Nose-burning
14 Org. concerned with climate change
15 Sunflower State capital
16 Closet consultant's concern?
17 Main
18 Hoe sources
20 "Brooklyn's Finest" co-star
27 Partner in crime
29 January honoree
33 Like some road sign symbols
35 Ho-hum grades
36 Solved with ease
37 Chorister's big moment
38 What the winner of a catered wedding gets?
40 Likely consequence of kicking dirt at the ump
41 Knight wear
44 Philanthropist Wallace
46 Sundial number
47 Trio before U
49 Clarinetist Shaw
50 Good-time Charlie
55 Fanny pack spot
57 All eyes and ears
58 "GWTW" side
59 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
61 Gallery stand
64 P-like letter
66 What bored people may go through, with "the"
68 iMac-to-iPhone connector
69 Grease, as it were
70 Like bourbon barrels
72 "Keep on Truckin'" cartoonist
73 Classic muscle car
74 Division of time
77 Wee bit
80 Dutch South African
83 When some Tauruses are born: Abbr.
85 Jerk
86 Vocalizes
88 Operatic 37-Down
89 Kremlin vote
91 Bar order
93 Leaves no footprints, in a way
95 Checkmate, e.g.
98 "And giving ___ up the chimney ..."
99 Web merchant
100 Derring-do
103 Dangerous fly
106 Hearty chuckle
108 Spaghetti sauce herb
109 Violet opening
110 Tries to walk off nerves
112 Like morning grass
113 Hound's prey
116 ___-Altenburg: old German duchy
118 Helen Mirren's title
119 "I, Claudius" setting
120 Popular tech review site
121 Coop crowd
123 Quizzical sounds
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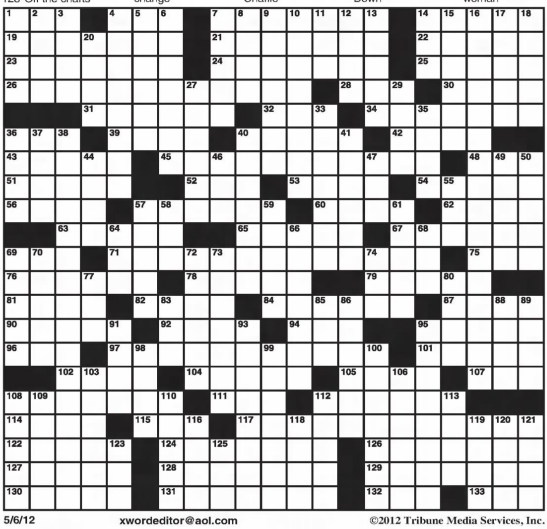

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In the year ahead you'll not be deprived of a substantial amount of opportunities, some of which could be of the long-shot variety. If you're smart, you'll restrict your risk-taking to sure things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Someone who is aware that you can easily be manipulated through flattery might lay it on pretty thick in order to get something from you that he or she knows you're apt to reject.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Usually, you're the type of person whose word can be relied upon. Today, however, you might tell another that something is done when it isn't, just to get him or her off your back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Everything should work out fine for you in situations where you rely solely on yourself. However, the same might not be true in matters where you're dependent on another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Be careful about taking bows for something you have yet to accomplish, because it could backfire on you. Don't let your pride put you in a situation that would cause embarrassment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – You usually operate very efficiently, as long as you can handle developments as they occur. Today, however, if you don't have your moves planned in advance, you won't like the results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Keep an eye open on something you share with a partner that requires some astute handling, and which your partner is managing alone. If it's botched, it could cost both of you money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – When handling an important matter, take nothing for granted, even if the other party involved is a friend. If either of you gets careless, the profits could dwindle away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Things will not automatically take care of themselves, even in arrangements where you have a strong momentum going. If you take your foot off the accelerator, the project will come to a halt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Guard against inclinations to overindulge in activities that could cause your budget to blow a gasket. Do all you can to keep extravagant urges under control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Because you're easily tempted to take gambles in order to achieve an ambitious objective, you could let your impatience cause you to think unwisely. Be careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Refrain from embellishing information passed on to you just to make the story juicier. If what you say turns out to be hurtful, your credibility and reputation will suffer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – It's never a good time to count your chickens before they're hatched, so don't bank too heavily on making a huge financial gain that may or may not become a reality.

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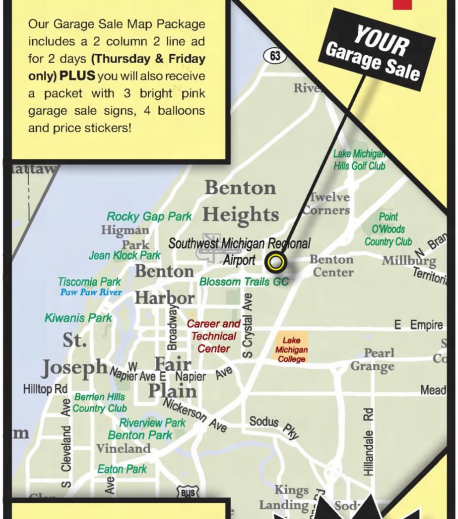

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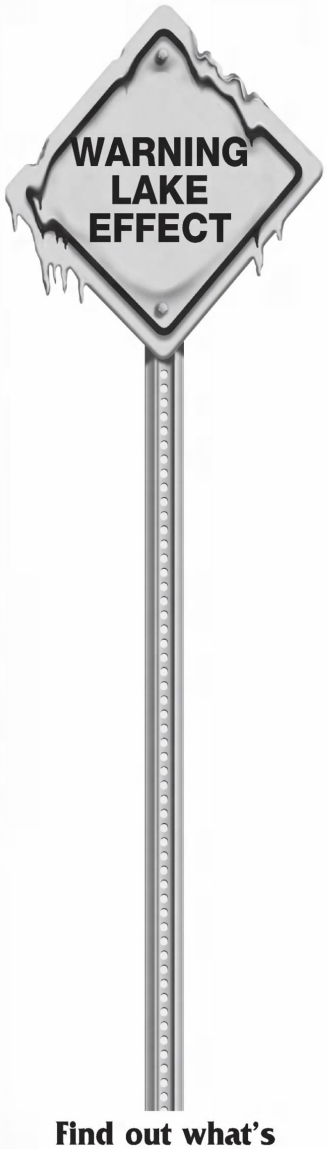

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An old tractor thinks it's quitting time

Dear Tom and Ray: Do you ever address questions about old farm tractors?

Our 1945 Farmall-A starts well and runs well for about 10-20 minutes, but then it starts to miss and then stalls out, typically while going up a slope – even a small one. Along with our local mechanic, we checked out the carburetor (the original Schebler), the fuel lines, put in new plugs and added B-12 Chemtool and STP Lead Substitute additives to the gasoline. The problem will not go away, and we really need this little old tractor to mow our fields and haul logs. Any suggestions? We have a new Zenith-type carburetor on the shelf, but I don't want to put that in unless that's the problem for sure. I will be grateful for any words of wisdom on this. Thanks. – Will

Ray & Tom Magliozzi

Click & Clack

Ray: Well, we definitely can help you narrow it down to one of two things, Will. It's either an ignition problem or a carburetor problem. How did we come to that conclusion? That's about all there is to this engine!

Tom: You might have a classic case of float sink. Carburetors regulate the gasoline flow with a float – just like the one in your toilet tank. Most of them are made of plastic, but yours may be old enough to be made out of copper. Or maybe granite!

Ray: Over time, what happens is that the float develops little, tiny pinholes in it, and becomes porous. And it gets to the point where, basically, the float barely floats!

Tom: Then, when you change the geometry of the tractor – like by heading up a hill – gasoline overwhelms the float and it sinks. That causes the carburetor to deliver more gas than is needed, which floods the engine and stalls it out.

Ray: In that case, that new Zenith carburetor will solve the problem.

Tom: But the stalling is not necessarily related to the geometry of the hills. Old engines often run just fine until you ask them to actually do something – like work.

Ray: In that way, they're very much like my brother.

Tom: So if your spark is weak, it could be strong enough to run the engine at idle, but then as soon as you need to give it gas – to climb a hill, for instance – the gasoline washes over and extinguishes the weak spark, causing the engine to stall.

Ray: So, while you said you've put in new plugs, you really need to put in points and a condenser, too. And you even might want to test the resistance of the coil, to be sure it's still putting out sufficient voltage, because a weak coil can cause the same problem.

Tom: I'd start with the points and condenser. They're cheap and easy. If they don't fix it, ratchet up to testing the coil. If the coil is fine, put in the Zenith carburetor.

Ray: I'm confident one of those things will fix it, Will. But if not, don't write to us again.

Remember, the reason you never see questions about old farm tractors in our column is because we don't know anything about them! Good luck, Will.

Write to Click and Clack by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

The original Chrysler minivan was so handsome, it could be reintroduced today and sell. The minivans immediate popularity enabled Chrysler to become profitable enough to repay the company's 1979 loan from the government earlier than expected.

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How do you top a CLASSIC?

Chrysler working on an all-new version of its iconic minivans

Imagine being a Detroit Three designer and arriving to work one morning and having your boss assign you the task of designing a replacement for an automotive icon.

Chrysler Corp., the automaker that introduced the first minivan to American buyers, is working on an all-new replacement for its incredibly successful people mover. With pundits predicting a new generation minivan arriving for 2014, naturally Chrysler design Vice President Ralph Gilles has already put his designers to work dreaming up the next model.

Dar Davis

I'd hate to be in their shoes.

Like Ford with Mustang and Chevy with Corvette, replacing an automotive icon is not an easy task. If a new model is not done right, it can have huge consequences to the automaker's bottom line, and more importantly, to the corporate reputation.

Is there buzz in the automotive press about what Chrysler is thinking when replacing the minivan? Not much at this time but there are some news crumbs to pick through.

We know there is a debate going on about whether the corporation should continue to offer the popular people mover in Chrysler and Dodge guise.

Some are suggesting that Chrysler has decided to drop the lower-price Dodge Caravan series and offer only a Chrysler Town & Country version. The rationale?

Why go to the expense to develop, advertise and sell two nearly identical vehicle that are sold in the same Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealerships?

This decision, if it comes to pass, raises a couple of questions.

Why drop the Dodge when it sells more units each year than the Chrysler model? And where will buyers of the lower-priced Dodge version go within the company if they can't afford the more luxurious T & C?

According to reports in the automotive press and blogs, the decision to simplify the minivan lineup has become acute since Chrysler's scary brush with bankruptcy in 2009. Every effort is being made to economize and maximize profits.

It's my guess the company will drop the Caravan and offer the Town & Country in several price brackets, starting with an affordable, entry-level model.

Back when Chrysler introduced the landmark minivan in 1983, Chrysler sold the vehicles in two dealership channels – Dodge and Chrysler/Plymouth. The original segment-breaker minivans came in Dodge and Plymouth flavors. The Chrysler luxury van was introduced in 1990.

It has been fascinating to watch the minivan market evolve in the nearly 30 years since the original Caravan and Voyager were introduced by Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca.

General Motors and Ford missed the boat when they rushed their versions of a "garagable" minivan to market for the 1985 model year. Unlike the K-car-inspired front-drive Chrysler minivans, GM and Ford used the rear drive platforms from their compact pickups to create their smaller vans.

Sales were OK for GM and Ford with the Astro and the Aerostar, but Chrysler sales were far more robust. GM and Ford went to bat again a few years later, this time using front-wheel drive.

GM offered the "dustbuster-looking" Chevy APV (and Pontiac Transport and Olds Silhouette) and later the Chevy Venture, while Ford competed with the Windstar.

Even with the all-new front-drive efforts, GM and Ford never could overtake Chrysler in the minivan wars. After several additional minivan efforts in the 1990s and early into the new century, GM and Ford abandoned the minivan market to Chrysler and, surprisingly, to Toyota and Honda.

Honda with the Odyssey and Toyota with Sienna found the magic formula to building and selling a successful minivan. But even those companies stumbled initially with early efforts.

The first Odyssey didn't have sliding side doors and was too small. Toyota's first minivan was the strange looking "box," using a mid-mounted engine. It wasn't until Toyota introduced the Sienna that the company found the key to sales success.

What exactly was the key to minivan success?

It's hard to say – just ask GM and Ford. Apparently a successful minivan has to have the following features: Front-wheel and all-wheel drive, sliding side doors on both sides, conservative looks that appeal to a wide range of buyers and a voluminous interior that is flexible and durable.

While Honda and Toyota have made remarkable gains with their latest offerings, Chrysler has remained the best selling minivan company. They've kept their well-deserved crown by keeping their products up-to-date and offering unique features that catch the buying public's attention.

The best examples of Chrysler minivan innovation was two sliding side doors and making them power-operated, by extending the length of the van to add more room for luggage and the introduction of "Stow 'n Go" stowaway seating.

The current Dodge and Chrysler minivans continue to sell well but a new model is on the horizon. You can just bet the midnight oil is burning at the Auburn Hills design center as they work to come up with a new minivan to do battle in this competitive market.

Visitors to the Detroit auto show in January got an unexpected look at what might be one of the design directions that Chrysler is pursuing to replace the current model. Unlike most concepts at the show, the Chrysler 700C concept was quietly placed on the display floor with no hoopla, no loud music. Only a small sign indicated the vehicle's name.

Could this be a hint of the look of the new Chrysler Town and Country? I hope not. It's fun to look at, but I don't see its rather wild look being popular with the moms and dads of America who buy the vehicle. My guess is that public feedback will encourage top designer Ralph Gilles and his crew to scale back the almost bizarre side window treatment.

I predict the current boxy minivans will be replaced with a more rounded-looking van, like their landmark 1996-2000 models, and it will appeal to the mainstream audience the vehicles need to attract.

Dar Davis photo

Testing public reaction at the recent Detroit auto show, Chrysler showed this swoopy-looking concept.

Kaiser Frazer meet

Two Kaiser Manhattan sedans will be on display at the Aug. 4 Concours d'Elegance of Southwest Michigan – formerly the Krasl Concours. One of the owners, Gilbert Chesney of Chelsea, has asked that I inform readers of an event at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, next door to the Henry Ford Museum.

The Midwest Division of the Kaiser Frazer Owners Club is holding a May 17-19 meet at the AHF. The event celebrates the life and work of auto pioneer Joseph W. Frazer.

Events include a caravan of vehicles to Willow Run to visit the former Kaiser/Frazer factory and then Ypsilanti to visit the Heritage Automotive Museum (May 18), a car show of Kaiser and Frazer automobiles (May 19) and other activities.

Call Chestney at (734) 475-9764 for more information.

Dar Davis is founder and entrant liaison of the annual Concours d'Elegance of Southwest Michigan – St. Joseph car show held each August. He can be reached at drd43@sbcglobal.net.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Ford 'Escapes' to a better ride

By ANN M. JOB
For The Associated Press

With European-style handling, luxury looks, surprising refinement and new features for 2013, Ford's compact sport utility vehicle, the Escape, doesn't seem like an Escape anymore.

The familiar boxy shape is replaced by a sleek, rich-looking exterior, and the Escape's V-6, manual transmission and gasoline-electric hybrid model are gone.

Instead, every 2013 Escape comes with a six-speed automatic and a choice of three, gasoline-powered, four-cylinder engines.

Ford's re-engineered Escape is a sibling of the company's Kuga, which is a compact crossover in Europe. This European heritage was one of the first impressions of the 2013 Escape test model. The vehicle felt solidly planted on the road, even on twisty mountain roads.

Weight shift from one side to the other during curves was well-managed and provided a more confident ride than that found in previous Escapes. In fact, there was little tippy feel, and road bumps came through mostly as mild vibrations.

To be sure, the Escape felt substantial and solid. It's not exactly a heavy sensation, but even a base 2013 Escape weighs more than 3,500 pounds.

Overall, the ride was pleasant and more refined than in earlier Escapes, even though the test, top-of-the-line Titanium trim model, rode on big, stylish, 19-inch wheels.

The tester had the most powerful of the four-cylinder engines – a 240-horsepower, 2-liter, double overhead cam, turbocharged, four cylinder that, like other Ford four-cylinder turbos, carries the name EcoBoost.

In real world driving, though, this turbo didn't send the Escape zooming forward in a rush. Rather, power was delivered smoothly but not instantaneously.

In more gentle acceleration, the test Escape moved comfortably through traffic, and the four-wheel disc brakes worked capably.

Alas, fuel mileage in the tester averaged only 19.5 mpg in driving that was 70 percent in the city. So, it could travel not quite 300 miles on a single, 15.1-gallon tank, and the four-wheel drive tester didn't meet the government rating of 21/28 mpg.

2012 Ford Escape

BASE PRICE: $22,470 for S 2WD; $25,070 for SE 2WD with 1.6-liter engine; $26,165 for SE 2WD with 2-liter engine; $26,820 for SE 4WD with 1.6-liter engine; $27,870 for 2WD SEL with 1.6-liter engine; $27,915 for SE 4WD with 2-liter engine; $28,965 for 2WD SEL with 2-liter engine; $29,620 for SEL 4WD with 1.6-liter engine; $30,715 for 4WD SEL with 2-liter engine; $30,370 for 2WD Titanium; $32,120 for 4WD Titanium.
PRICE AS TESTED: $36,025.
TYPE: Front-engine, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger, compact sport utility vehicle.
ENGINE: 2-liter, double overhead cam, EcoBoost, inline four cylinder.
MILEAGE: 19 mpg (city), 26 mpg (highway).
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the South Haven Health System Board of Trustees will meet on Monday evening, May 21, 2012, instead of their normally scheduled meeting on the last Monday of each month. The Board of Trustees meets at 7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room on the hospital's lower level at the southwest corner of the hospital.
Adv H-P, SHT, 5/6/12

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that the City of Benton Harbor will conduct a public hearing at City Hall, in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan on May 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the vacation of a "t" shaped alley located between Broadway and Pavone and adjacent to Broadway Park within the City as legally described as 16' foot South of the SE corner of Lot 5, Assessor Plat No 22 City of Benton Harbor; thence 110.7 ft West to the NW corner of Lot 54; 230.2 ft South to the SW corner of Lot 51; thence 15.6 ft West to the SE corner of lot 10; thence 230.2 ft North to the NE corner of Lot 7; thence 16 ft West to the NW corner of Lot 7, thence 16 ft North to the SW corner of Lot 1; thence 237 ft East to POB.

At the public hearing all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views.

Kimberly Thompson
City Clerk

A drawing showing the location of the alley is available at the City Clerk's office at 175 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

EMERGENCY MANAGER
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO.: 12-14

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN BROADWAY AND PAVONE AND ADJACENT TO BROADWAY PARK

I, Joseph L. Harris, the duly appointed Emergency Manager for the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan (the "City"), pursuant to the power and authority granted by Act 4 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011, being MCL 141.1501 et seq (the "Act"), do hereby resolve and order as follows:
WHEREAS, Section 19(ff)(2) of the Act provides that the Emergency Manager has all authority of the City Commission and may exercise all power for and on behalf of the City under law, charter or ordinance;
WHEREAS, there exists a "t" shaped alley located between Broadway and Pavone and adjacent to Broadway Park within the City as legally described and depicted on the attached Exhibit A (the "Alley");
WHEREAS, the City intends to vacate the Alley; and
WHEREAS, Section 11.2 of the City's Charter permits the vacation of alleys and establishes the process required to accomplish such vacation.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:
1. The Alley shall be and is hereby declared to be vacated.
2. A public hearing is hereby scheduled to occur on May 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., not less than four weeks from the date of this Resolution for the purpose of hearing objections to the vacation of the Alley.
3. The City Clerk shall publish notice of the Public Hearing with a copy of this resolution in a newspaper in general circulation in the City on or before May 9, 2012, not less than two weeks before the hearing.
4. The City reserves an easement in the alley for public utility purposes for the operation, maintenance, replacement, or installation of any public utilities presently located or to be located in the alley.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to record certified copies of this resolution with the register of deeds, giving the name of the plat or plats affected, and shall send a copy to the director of the department of energy, labor, and economic growth, as well as the State Treasurer.
6. That all prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same shall be rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: April 18, 2012

By: Joseph L. Harris
Emergency Manager
HP/adv. 5/6/12

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that the City of Benton Harbor will conduct a public hearing at City Hall, in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan on May 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the vacation of an alley located between Paw Paw Avenue and Hull Avenue within the City as legally described as lying within block 4, Thresher Improvement addition to the City of Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan, being more particularly described as beginning at the point of intersection of the south line of said alley and the westerly line of Hull Avenue (platted as Summit Avenue), said point being the northeasterly corner of lot 16, block 4, said plat; thence northwesterly, along the westerly line of Hull Avenue, 18.02 feet to the north line of said alley; thence west, along said north line, 277.67 feet to the easterly line of Paw Paw Avenue, thence southeasterly, along said easterly line 15.14 feet to a point on said south alley line bearing due west from the point of beginning; thence east, along said south line, 285.61 feet to the westerly line of said Hull Avenue and the point of beginning.

At the public hearing all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views.

Kimberly Thompson
City Clerk

A drawing showing the location of the alley is available at the City Clerk's office at 175 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

EMERGENCY MANAGER
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO.: 12-15

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN PAW PAW AVENUE AND HULL AVENUE

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WHEREAS, there exists an alley located between Paw Paw Avenue and Hull Avenue within the City as legally described and depicted on the attached Exhibit A (the "Alley").
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yellow, 1.6L 4 cyl, auto, air, tilt, cruise power windows/locks/mirrors, heated seats, alum wheels. 11,000 miles. U2-141

NOW $18,995

2011 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW

Silver, 3.5L Ecoboost, V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power seat, SYNC, 6 disc CD, Keyless entry, running boards, 12,141 miles. F1-577A

NOW $29,995

2011 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW 4X4 XLT

Blue, gray cloth, 5.0L V8, auto, air, tilt, cruise, 8400 miles, power seat, power windows, locks, mirrors, sync, cd player, keyless U2-132

WAS $31,995

NOW $29,500

2008 FORD EDGE LIMITED AWD

Dark blue. 3.5L V-6, auto, tan leather, moon roof, SYNC, Navigation, 6-disc CD, heated seats, power memory seat, 56,126 miles. Car Smart Certified. C2-175B

NOW $24,995

2011 CHRYSLER 300 LIMITED

Cherry Red. Dark Gray leather, 3.6L V6, moonroof, power seat, uconnect, alum wheels, power windows/locks/mirrors, CD player, Keyless Entry, Fog Lamps. 2,300 miles. C2-182A

NOW $32,995

2008 HUMMER H3 ALPHA

Red, Dk. Gray, leather, 5.3 L V-8, auto, moonroof, power seat, aluminum wheels, navigation, CD player, keyless, running boards, power seat, 41,962 miles C1-358A

WAS $27,995

NOW $26,200

2010 FORD F150 XLT SUPER CREW 4X4

Blue. 5.4V-8, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, running boards, alum wheels, security cover, cloth seating, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors, air, cruise, tilt, delay wipers, fog lights, am-fm/cd player (6 disc), SYNC, keyless entry, balance of factory warranty! U1-327A

NOW $29,995

2009 HONDA CIVIC SI

Red. 2.0 DOHC, 4cyl, 6 speed manual transmission, 4 wheel disc ABS, rear spoiler, alum wheels, cloth seats, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, fog lights, power moon roof/windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm/cd, keyless entry, Car Smart Certified. F2-407A

SOLD

2009 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT QUAD CAB

White. 5.3L V-8, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows/locks/seat, remote start, alum wheels, Keyless entry. 30,000 miles U2-136

WAS $29,995

NOW $27,850

2007 CHRYSLER ASPEN LIMITED 4X4

Black. 5.7 HEMI V-8, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, running boards, luggage rack, air, cruise, tilt, delay wipers, rear washer/wiper/defroster, leather heated seats, fog lights, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors/moon roof, am-fm/CD, keyless entry, rear AC/heat. F2-398B

NOW $19,995

2006 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY

Magnesium. 3.3L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, CD player, power windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry. 85,600 miles. U2-119A

NOW $10,995

2006 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT

Silver, 4.0L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, right handed drive, cd player, power windows/locks, 83,470 miles U2-128

WAS $18,995

NOW $17,500

2008 JEEP COMMANDER SPORT 4X4

Silver, 3.7L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power seat, CD player, keyless entry, power windows/locks/mirrors, C1-431B

WAS $20,995

NOW $18,850

2010 FORD F-250 FX4 SUPER CAB 4X4

Royal Red. 5.4L V-8, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows/locks/mirrors, CD player, Keyless entry, running boards, 35,400 miles. F2-464A

NOW $29,500

2010 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT 4X4

Red. 3.7 EFI V6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, luggage rack, air, cruise, tilt, rear defrost/washer/wiper, cloth seating, power moon roof/windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, am-fm/CD player. Chrysler Certified. C2-190A

NOW $20,995

2006 DODGE CHARGER R/T

Red. 5.7 Hemi V8 auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, rear spoiler, alum wheels, leather seats, air, cruise, tilt, rear defrost, fog lights, keyless entry, power moonroof/seats/windows/locks/mirrors, am-fm CD player (6 disc) C2-178A

WAS $15,500

NOW $14,500

2011 LAND ROVER LR4 HSE

Silver Gray. 5.0 V8 auto, 4wl, 4 wheel disc ABS, air, cruise, tilt, rear defrost/washer/wiper, power moon roof/seats (with memory)/windows/locks/mirrors, leather heated seats, alum wheels, fog lights, am-fm/CD/Navigation, heated steering wheel, balance of factory warranty C1-429A

was $56,995

NOW $51,500

2010 FORD FOCUS SES

Blue flame. 2.0L 4 cyl, auto, air, tilt, cruise, SYNC, 6-disc CD, alum wheels, keyless entry, power windows. 22,600 miles. Ford Certified. U2-175

NOW $17,995

2010 MERCURY MILAN PREMIER

Red. 3.0V-6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather heated seats, auto temp air and heat, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, fog lights, power moon roof/seat/windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry system, am-fm/CD, SYNC, remote start. Ford Certified! U2-153

NOW $19,995

2010 MERCURY MARINER LUXURY

Black. 3.0L V-6, auto, moonroof, power windows, 6-disc CD, alum wheels, Keyless entry, 28,700 miles, Ford Certified! U2-167

NOW $22,500

2009 SUBARU FORESTER AWD

Beige, 2.5 SOHC 4 cyl, auto, cloth seating, power windows/locks/mirrors, rear defroster/washer/wiper, am-fm/cd center console U2-158

NOW $19,995

2010 LINCOLN MKZ AWD

Gold. V-6, auto, air, tilt cruise, power locks/mirrors/moon roof/leather seats, chrome wheels. am-fm/cd, Keyless entry, Balance of Factory Warranty. U2-149

NOW $27,995

2009 DODGE JOURNEY SXT

Black, Leather, 3.5L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, 6 disc CD heated seats, alum wheels, power seat. 67,700 miles F1-744B

NOW $15,995

2010 FORD FUSION SPORT

Silver, 3.5L V-6 Auto, power windows/lock/moon roof, cruise, tilt, air, heated leather seats, am-fm/cd (6 disc). Ford Certified! U2-150

NOW $22,995

2010 FORD FUSION SPORT

Black. Black leather, 3.5L V6, moonroof, power seat, 6 Disc CD, Alum wheels, SYNC, Keyless entry, fog lamps, power windows/locks/mirrors 27,170 miles. U2-144

NOW $22,995

2005 MERCEDES C240M

Dark Red, 2.6L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, CD, Keyless entry, heated leather seats, moonroof, alum wheels, auto temp. C1-348C

NOW $13,995

2010 FORD RANGER XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

Black, 4.0 V6, 5-speed, 4 wheel disc ABS, aluminum wheels, bed liner, cloth, air, cruise, tilt, delay wipers, fog lights, AM/FM/CD, keyless entry, power windows/locks/mirrors, Balance of Factory Warranty! F2-334A

WAS $22,995

NOW $19,995

2010 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

Blue. 4.0L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power seat/moonroof, SYNC, alum wheels, CD player, keyless entry, 33,800 miles. F2-454A

NOW $24,995

2010 DODGE JOURNEY R/T ALL WHEEL DRIVE

White, tan leather, 3.5 L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, heated seats, remote start, aluminum wheels, power seat, 22,900 miles, Chrysler Certified. U2-122

WAS $24,995

NOW $23,300

2010 MERCURY MILAN PREMIER

Gray. 3.0 V-6 6 speed auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, rear spoiler, fog lights, alum wheels, leather heated seats, rear defroster, delay wipers, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors/moon roof, auto temp air and heat, am-fm/CD (6disc), SYNC, keyless entry, Ford Certified. U2-159

NOW $19,995

2010 FORD EDGE SE FWD

Red. 3.5 V-6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, Alum wheels, cloth, power windows/locks/mirrors, air cruise, tilt, rear defroster/washer/wiper, keyless entry, am-fm/CD, Ford Certified! U2-166

NOW $21,995

2006 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4

Blue. 3.7L V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power windows/locks/mirrors, CD player, Keyless entry, 36,000 miles. F2-397B

NOW $15,995

2008 FORD TAURUS X LIMITED FWD

Black, 3.5 V6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, auto temp air and heat (front and rear), cruise, tilt, rear washer/wiper/defroster, fog lights, keyless entry, power moon roof/seats/heated/windows/locks, luggage rack, aluminum wheels, AM/FM/CD/6 Disc/MP3, leather, seats, Ford Certified. U2-121

WAS $21,995

NOW $20,500

2007 FORD F150 SUPER CREW HARLEY DAVIDSON EDITION

Amethyst, 5.4V8, auto, 4 wheel drive, 4 wheel ABS, auto temp air and heat, cruise, tilt, leather heated seats, alum wheels, recliner, foglights, power seats/moonroof/windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, AM-FM/CD/6 disc), Car Smart Certified. F1-659A

WAS $27,500

NOW $25,900

2010 MERCURY MILAN PREMIER

Silver. 2.5 DOHC EFI 4 cyl, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather heated seats, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors, rear defroster, keyless entry, am-fm/CD, SYNC, ford Certified. U2-168

NOW $19,500

2010 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED FWD

Black. 2.5 EFI 4cyl. auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather heated seats, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors/moon roof, keyless entry, am-fm/CD, SYNC, rear wiper/washer/defroster, fog lights. Ford Certified. U2-157

NOW $22,995

2008 PONTIAC G6

Gray. V-6, auto, cloth interior, alum wheels, heat,air, power windows/locks, am-fm/CD player. C2-291A

NOW $9,995

2006 FORD EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER 4X2

Brown. 4.0 V6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, running boards, alum wheels, luggage rack, leather seats, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors, fog lights, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster/washer/wiper, front and rear A/C and heat, keyless entry, am-fm/CD player. U2-145A

NOW $12,995

2010 MERCURY MARINER PREMIER FWD

Silver. 3.0 V-6, 6 sped auto, alum wheels, luggage rack, leather heated seats, auto temp air and heat, rear washer/wiper/defroster, power seat/windows/locks/mirrors/moon roof, keyless entry am-fm/CD (6 disc), SYNC, fog lights, Ford Certified. U2-160

NOW $22,995

2006 HUMMER H3 4X4

Black. 3.5V6, auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather heated seats, power moonroof/seats/windows/locks/mirrors, air cruise, tilt, rear defrost, fog lights, keyless entry system, am-fm/CD (6 disc) U2-131

WAS $21,995

NOW $20,300

2008 BUICK LUCERNE CXL

Gold. 3.8 V-6 auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, alum wheels, leather seating, auto temp air, and heat, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, ower seats/windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, am-fm/cd, balance of factory warranty! U2-148

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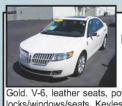

2010 LINCOLN MKZ

Gold. V-6, leather seats, power moon roof/locks/windows/seats, Keyless entry, am-fm/cd, balance of warranty. U2-152

NOW $25,995

2006 JEEP LIBERTY RENEGADE 4X4

LightKhaki. 3.7LV-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, power seat/window/locks/mirrors, alum wheels, Keyless Entry. 64,600 miles U2-140

NOW $14,995

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White. 4.6 V-8, 6 speed auto, 4 wheel disc ABS, running boards, alum wheels, security cover, leather heated seats, air, cruise, tilt, rear defroster, fog lights, power seats/windows/locks/mirrors, keyless entry, am-fm/CD, Ford Certified. U2-165

NOW $25,995

2009 PONTIAC G5

Red 2.2 Ecotech 4cyl, auto, cloth seats, air, cruise, tilt, alum wheels, power windows/locks/mirrors, rear defroster, keyless entry. Am-FM/CD. Balance of Factory Warranty. U1-334

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FORD TRADE IN ASSISTANCE CASH (MUST QUALIFY)	-750

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3. The City Clerk shall publish notice of the Public Hearing with a copy of this resolution in a newspaper in general circulation in the City on or before May 9, 2012, not less than two weeks before the hearing.
4. The City reserves an easement in the alley for public utility purposes for the operation, maintenance, replacement, or installation of any public utilities presently located or to be located in the alley.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to record certified copies of this resolution with the register of deeds, giving the name of the plat or plats affected, and shall send a copy to the director of the department of energy, labor, and economic growth, as well as the State Treasurer.
6. That all prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same shall be rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: April 18, 2012

By: Joseph L. Harris
Emergency Manager
HP/adv. 5/6/12

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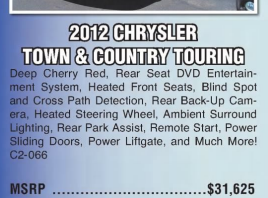

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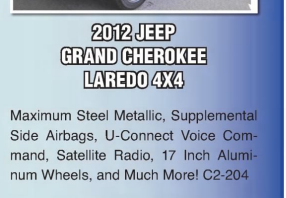

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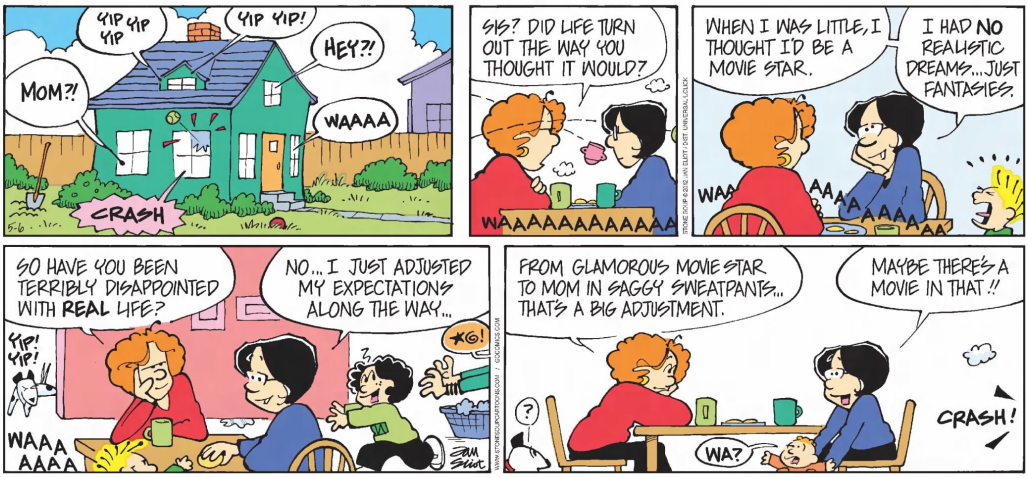
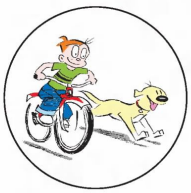
Stone Soup

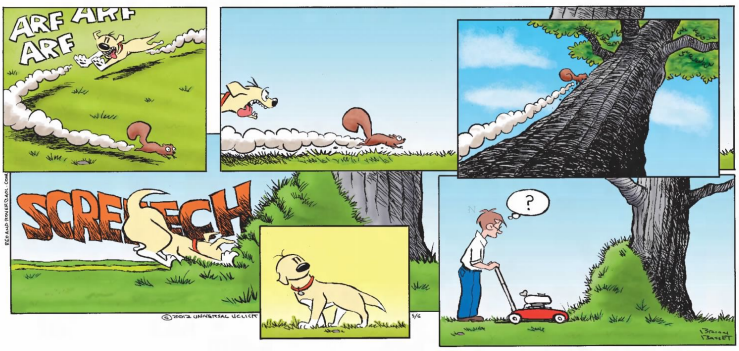
By Jan Eliot


YIP YIP YIP
YIP YIP!
MOM?!
HEY?!
WAAAA
CRASH
SIS? DID LIFE TURN OUT THE WAY YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD?
WAAAAAAAAAAAA
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I THOUGHT I'D BE A MOVIE STAR.
I HAD NO REALISTIC DREAMS... JUST FANTASIES.
WAAAAAAAAAA
SO HAVE YOU BEEN TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED WITH REAL LIFE?
NO... I JUST ADJUSTED MY EXPECTATIONS ALONG THE WAY...
YIP! YIP!
WAAA AAAA
FROM GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR TO MOM IN SAGGY SWEATPANTS... THAT'S A BIG ADJUSTMENT.
MAYBE THERE'S A MOVIE IN THAT!!
WA?
CRASH!

RED and ROVER

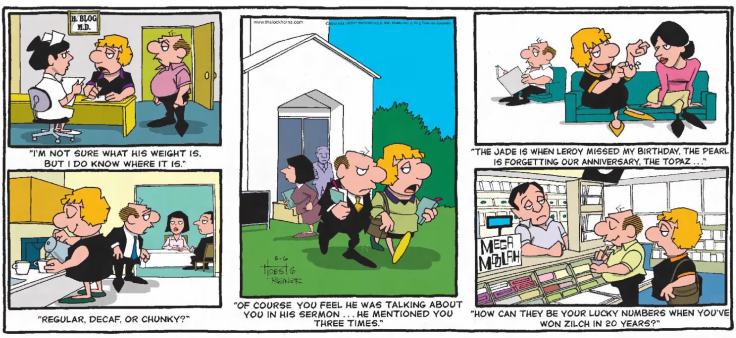


by Brian Basset



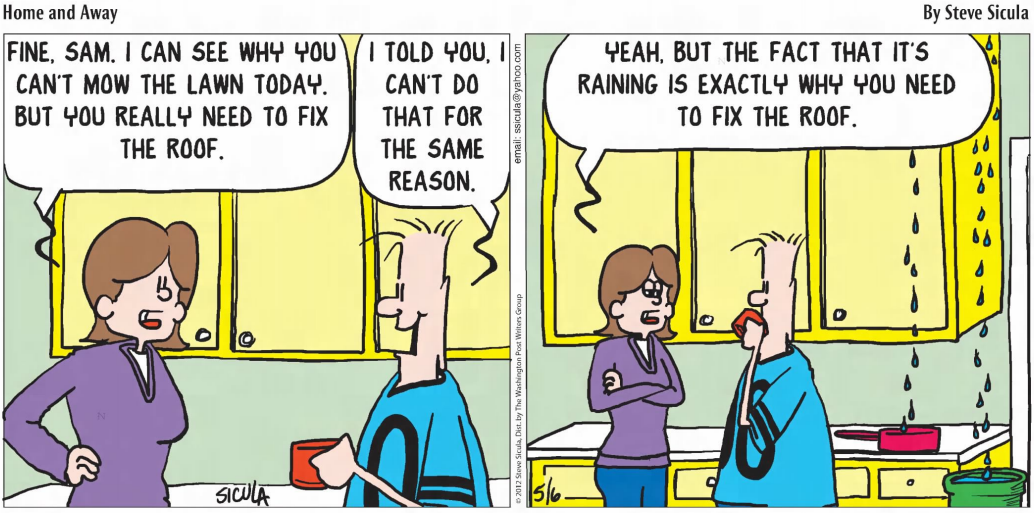
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"I'M NOT SURE WHAT HIS WEIGHT IS, BUT I DO KNOW WHERE IT IS."
"REGULAR, DECAF, OR CHUNKY?"
"OF COURSE YOU FEEL HE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU IN HIS SERMON . . . HE MENTIONED YOU THREE TIMES."
"THE JADE IS WHEN LEROY MISSED MY BIRTHDAY, THE PEARL IS FORGETTING OUR ANNIVERSARY, THE TOPAZ . . ."
MEEP MEEP
"HOW CAN THEY BE YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS WHEN YOU'VE WON ZILCH IN 20 YEARS?"

Home and Away

By Steve Sicula


FINE, SAM. I CAN SEE WHY YOU CAN'T MOW THE LAWN TODAY. BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO FIX THE ROOF.
I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T DO THAT FOR THE SAME REASON.
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YEAH, BUT THE FACT THAT IT'S RAINING IS EXACTLY WHY YOU NEED TO FIX THE ROOF.
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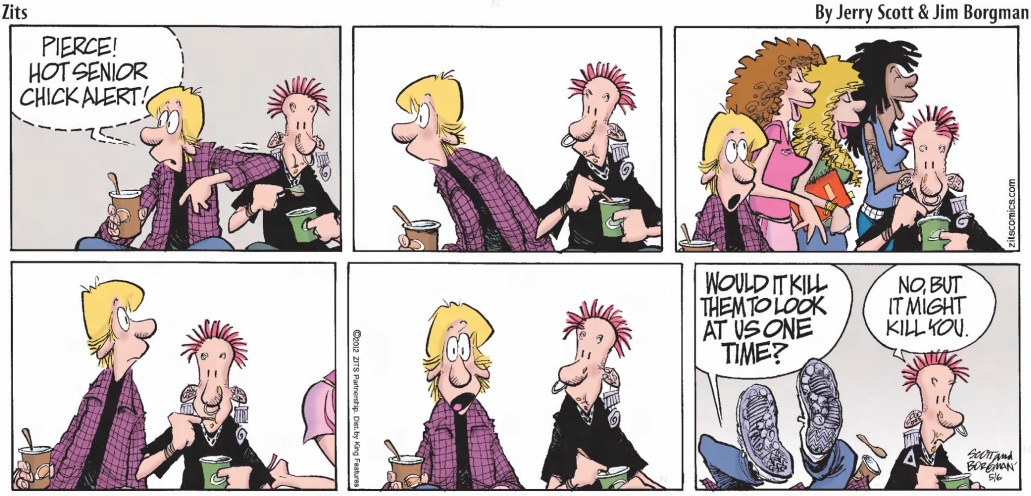
Zits

By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman


PIERCE! HOT SENIOR CHICK ALERT!
WOULD IT KILL THEM TO LOOK AT US ONE TIME?
NO, BUT IT MIGHT KILL YOU.
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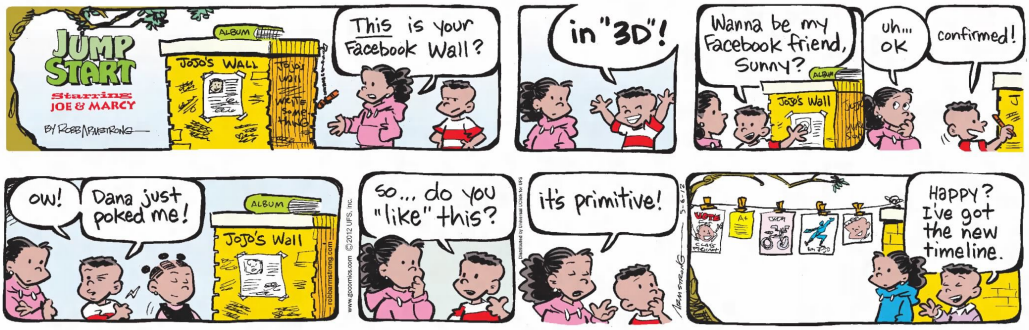
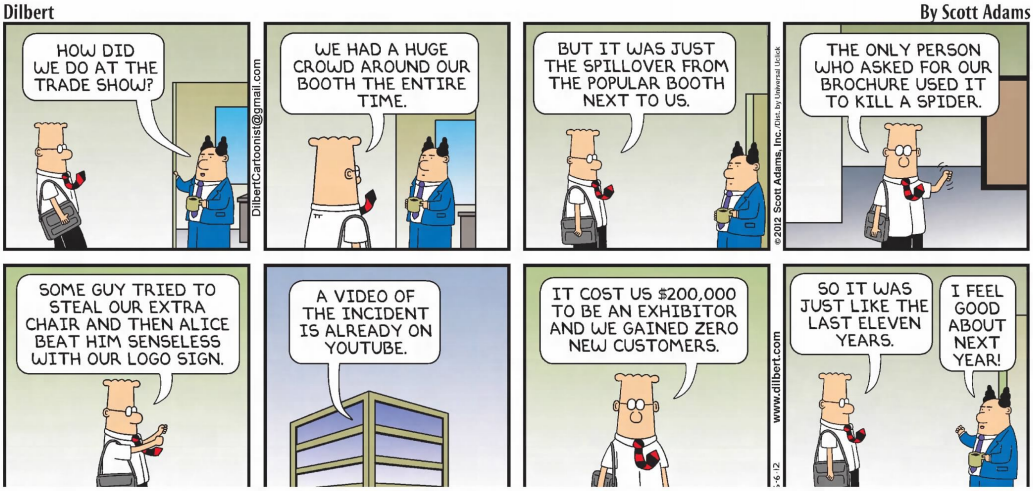


Dilbert

By Scott Adams


HOW DID WE DO AT THE TRADE SHOW?
WE HAD A HUGE CROWD AROUND OUR BOOTH THE ENTIRE TIME.
BUT IT WAS JUST THE SPILLOVER FROM THE POPULAR BOOTH NEXT TO US.
THE ONLY PERSON WHO ASKED FOR OUR BROCHURE USED IT TO KILL A SPIDER.
SOME GUY TRIED TO STEAL OUR EXTRA CHAIR AND THEN ALICE BEAT HIM SENSELESS WITH OUR LOGO SIGN.
A VIDEO OF THE INCIDENT IS ALREADY ON YOUTUBE.
IT COST US $200,000 TO BE AN EXHIBITOR AND WE GAINED ZERO NEW CUSTOMERS.
SO IT WAS JUST LIKE THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS.
I FEEL GOOD ABOUT NEXT YEAR!
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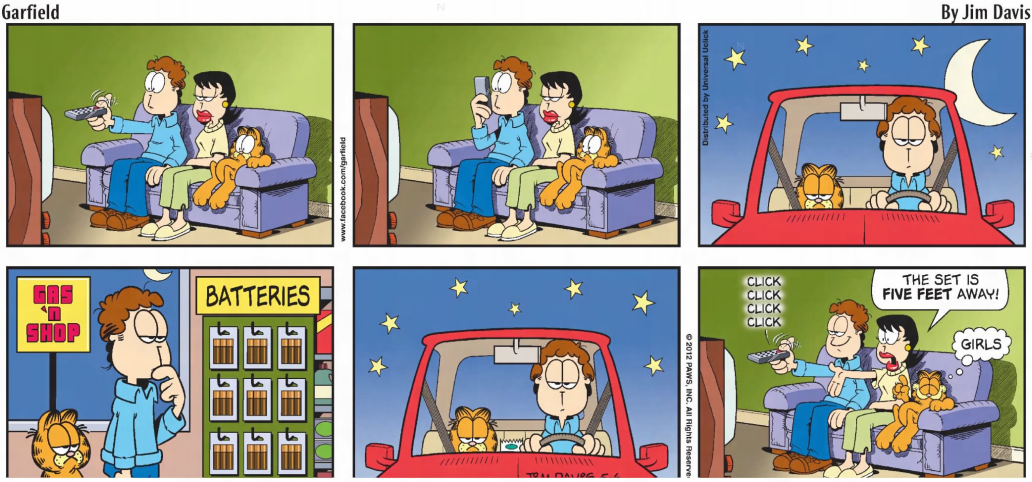
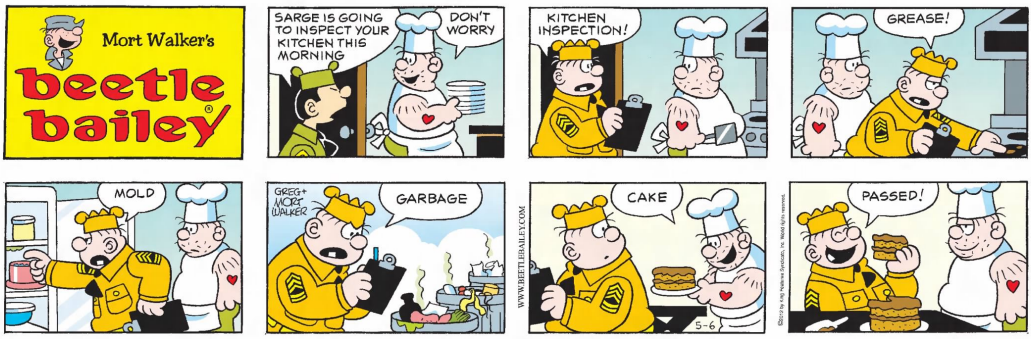
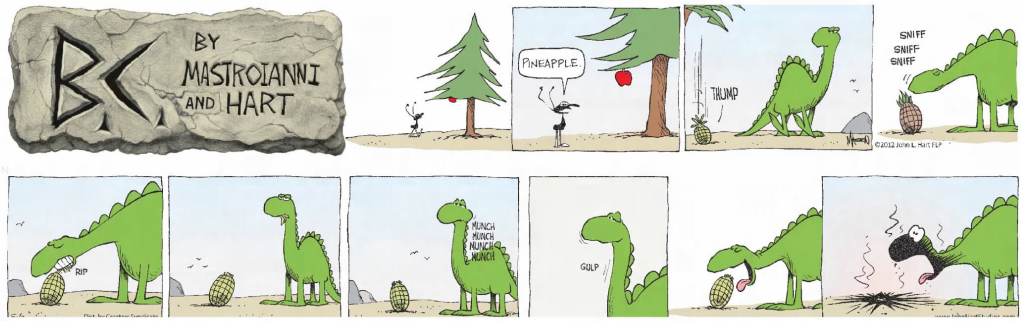
Garfield

By Jim Davis



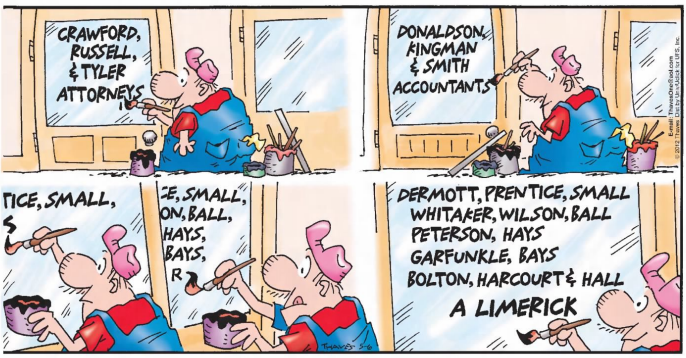




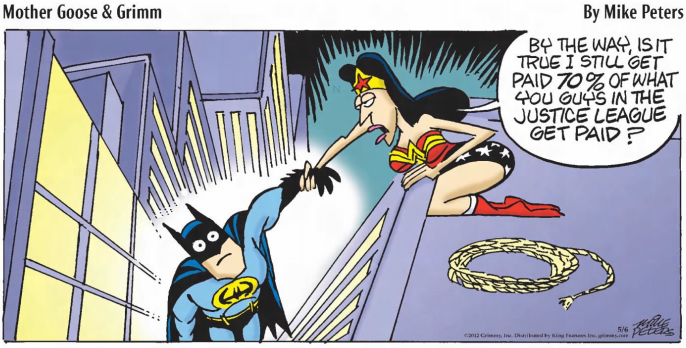
Non Sequitur — By Wiley

WELL, IT SEEMS AN AGREEMENT HAS FINALLY BEEN REACHED ON A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND RETIREMENT PACKAGE
HEY, THAT'S GREAT! SO HOW DOES IT LOOK?
OH, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT LATER...

Frank & Ernest — By Bob Thaves


CRAWFORD, RUSSELL, & TYLER ATTORNEYS
DONALDSON, KINGMAN & SMITH ACCOUNTANTS
TICE, SMALL,
E, SMALL, ON, BALL, HAYS, BAYS, R
DERMOTT, PRENTICE, SMALL WHITAKER, WILSON, BALL PETERSON, HAYS GARFUNKLE, BAYS BOLTON, HARCOURT & HALL
A LIMERICK

Mother Goose & Grimm — By Mike Peters



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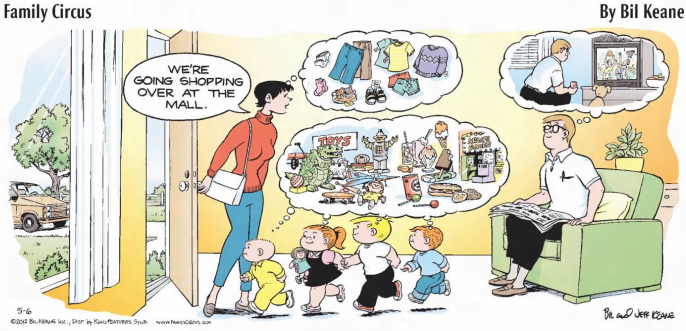
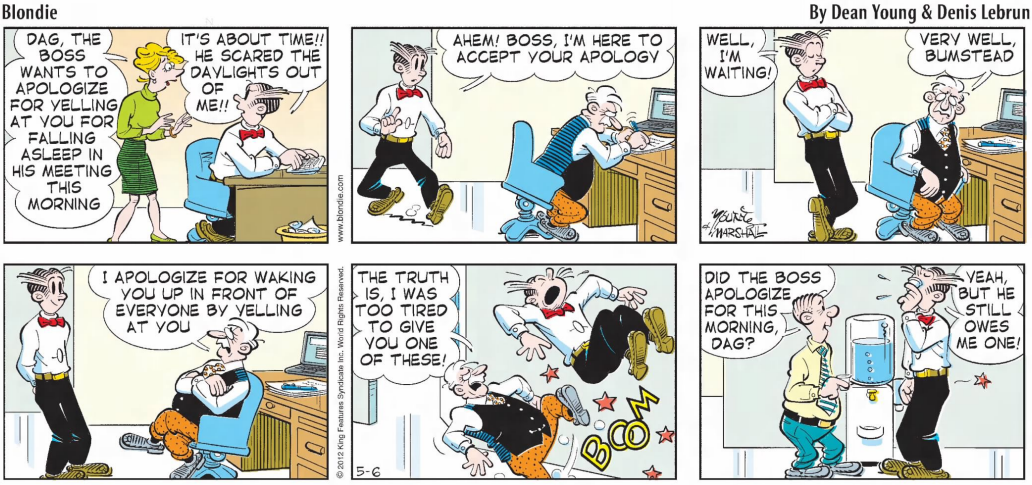


Blondie

By Dean Young & Denis Lebrun


DAG, THE BOSS WANTS TO APOLOGIZE FOR YELLING AT YOU FOR FALLING ASLEEP IN HIS MEETING THIS MORNING
IT'S ABOUT TIME!! HE SCARED THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF ME!!
AHEM! BOSS, I'M HERE TO ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY
WELL, I'M WAITING!
VERY WELL, BUMSTEAD
I APOLOGIZE FOR WAKING YOU UP IN FRONT OF EVERYONE BY YELLING AT YOU
THE TRUTH IS, I WAS TOO TIRED TO GIVE YOU ONE OF THESE!
BOOM
DID THE BOSS APOLOGIZE FOR THIS MORNING, DAG?
YEAH, BUT HE STILL OWES ME ONE!
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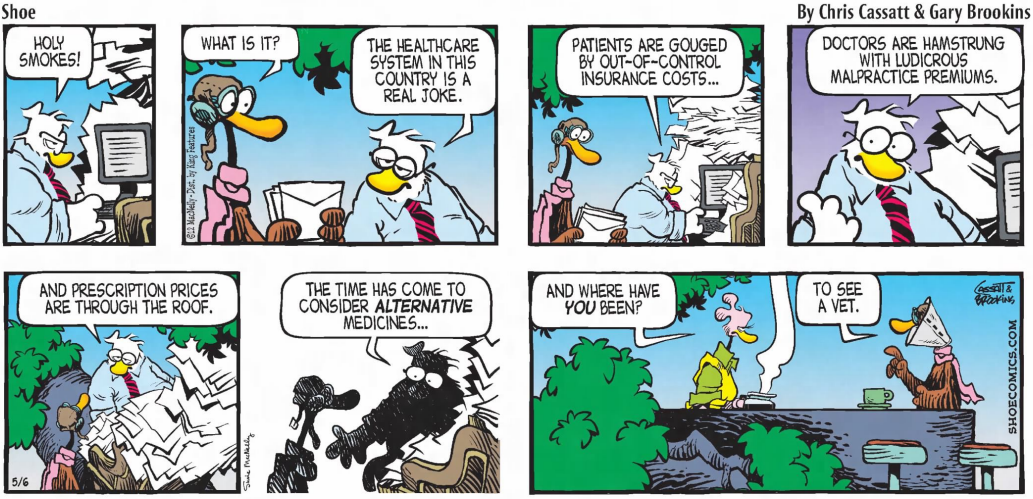
Shoe

By Chris Cassatt & Gary Brookins


HOLY SMOKES!
WHAT IS IT?
THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY IS A REAL JOKE.
PATIENTS ARE GOUGED BY OUT-OF-CONTROL INSURANCE COSTS...
DOCTORS ARE HAMSTRUNG WITH LUDICROUS MALPRACTICE PREMIUMS.
AND PRESCRIPTION PRICES ARE THROUGH THE ROOF.
THE TIME HAS COME TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MEDICINES...
AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
TO SEE A VET.
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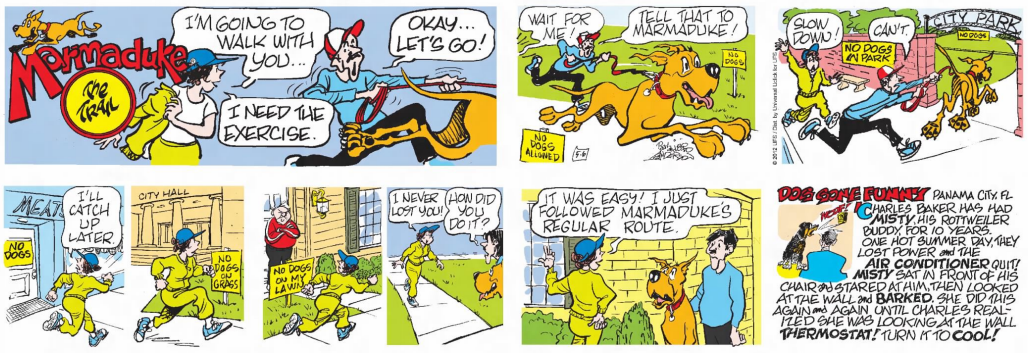
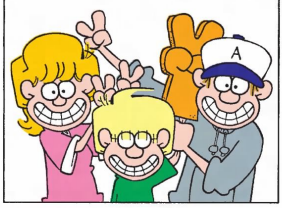

Marmaduke
The Trail
I'M GOING TO WALK WITH YOU...
OKAY... LET'S GO!
I NEED THE EXERCISE.
WAIT FOR ME!
TELL THAT TO MARMADUKE!
NO DOGS ALLOWED
SLOW DOWN!
CAN'T.
CITY PARK
NO DOGS IN PARK
I'LL CATCH UP LATER
MEAT
NO DOGS
CITY HALL
NO DOGS ON THE GRASS
NO DOGS ON MY LAWN
I NEVER LOST YOU! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
IT WAS EASY! I JUST FOLLOWED MARMADUKE'S REGULAR ROUTE.
DOG GONE FUNNY
PANAMA CITY, FL. CHARLES BAKER HAS HAD MISTY, HIS ROTTWEILER BUDDY, FOR 10 YEARS. ONE HOT SUMMER DAY, THEY LOST POWER and THE AIR CONDITIONER QUIT! MISTY SAT IN FRONT OF HIS CHAIR AND STARED AT HIM, THEN LOOKED AT THE WALL and BARKED. SHE DID THIS AGAIN and AGAIN UNTIL CHARLES REALIZED SHE WAS LOOKING AT THE WALL THERMOSTAT! TURN IT TO COOL!

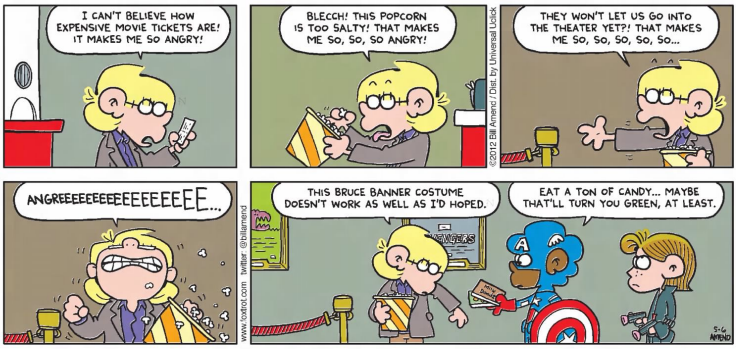
Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

FoxTrot

by Bill Amend




I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW EXPENSIVE MOVIE TICKETS ARE! IT MAKES ME SO ANGRY!
BLECCH! THIS POPCORN IS TOO SALTY! THAT MAKES ME SO, SO, SO ANGRY!
THEY WON'T LET US GO INTO THE THEATER YET?! THAT MAKES ME SO, SO, SO, SO...
ANGREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE...
THIS BRUCE BANNER COSTUME DOESN'T WORK AS WELL AS I'D HOPED.
EAT A TON OF CANDY... MAYBE THAT'LL TURN YOU GREEN, AT LEAST.
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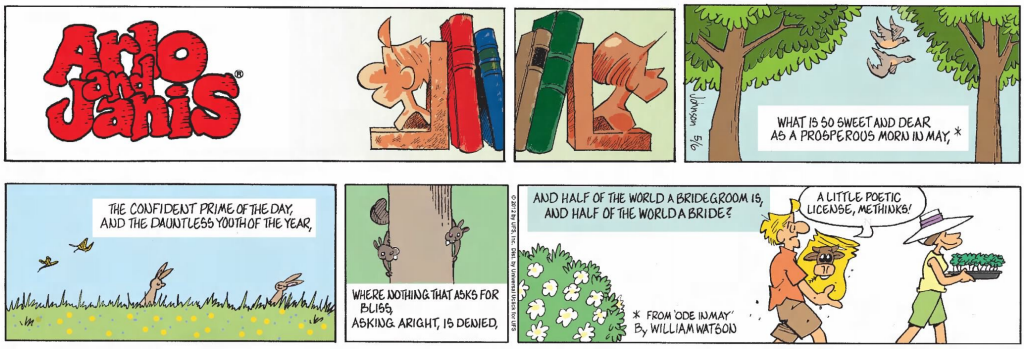
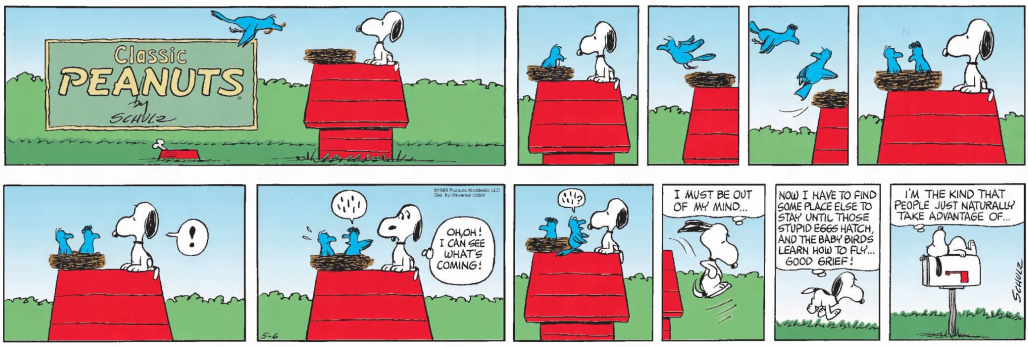

WHAT IS SO SWEET AND DEAR AS A PROSPEROUS MORN IN MAY, *
THE CONFIDENT PRIME OF THE DAY, AND THE DAUNTLESS YOUTH OF THE YEAR,
WHERE NOTHING THAT ASKS FOR BLISS, ASKING ARIGHT, IS DENIED.
AND HALF OF THE WORLD A BRIDEGROOM IS, AND HALF OF THE WORLD A BRIDE?
A LITTLE POETIC LICENSE, METHINKS!
* FROM "ODE IN MAY" By WILLIAM WATSON

Classic PEANUTS

by Schulz


Classic PEANUTS
by Schulz
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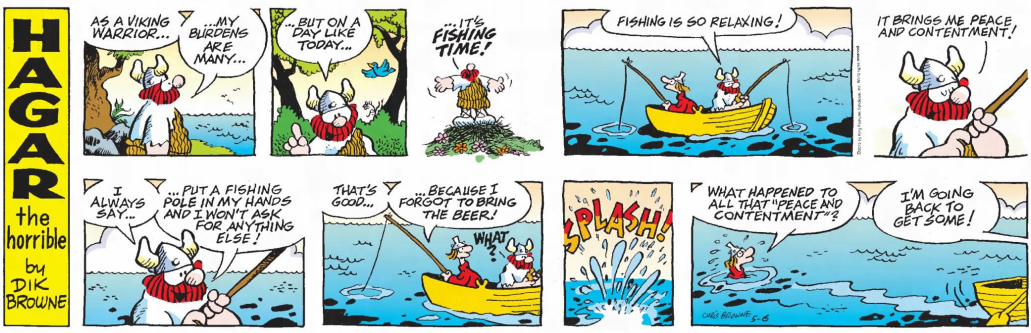
OH,OH! I CAN SEE WHAT'S COMING!
I MUST BE OUT OF MY MIND...
NOW I HAVE TO FIND SOME PLACE ELSE TO STAY UNTIL THOSE STUPID EGGS HATCH, AND THE BABY BIRDS LEARN HOW TO FLY... GOOD GRIEF!
I'M THE KIND THAT PEOPLE JUST NATURALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF...

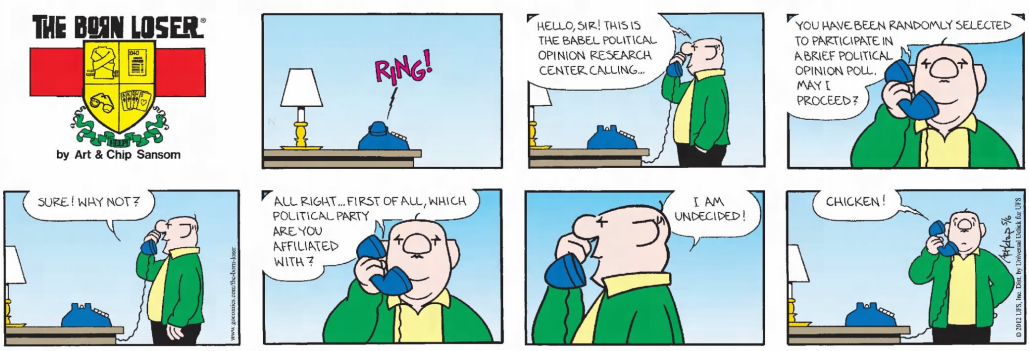
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


AS A VIKING WARRIOR... ...MY BURDENS ARE MANY...
...BUT ON A DAY LIKE TODAY...
...IT'S FISHING TIME!
FISHING IS SO RELAXING!
IT BRINGS ME PEACE AND CONTENTMENT!
I ALWAYS SAY... ...PUT A FISHING POLE IN MY HANDS AND I WON'T ASK FOR ANYTHING ELSE!
THAT'S GOOD... ...BECAUSE I FORGOT TO BRING THE BEER!
WHAT?
SPLASH!
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT "PEACE AND CONTENTMENT"?
I'M GOING BACK TO GET SOME!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom


RING!
HELLO, SIR! THIS IS THE BABEL POLITICAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER CALLING...
YOU HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BRIEF POLITICAL OPINION POLL. MAY I PROCEED?
SURE! WHY NOT?
ALL RIGHT... FIRST OF ALL, WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED WITH?
I AM UNDECIDED!
CHICKEN!

Get Fuzzy

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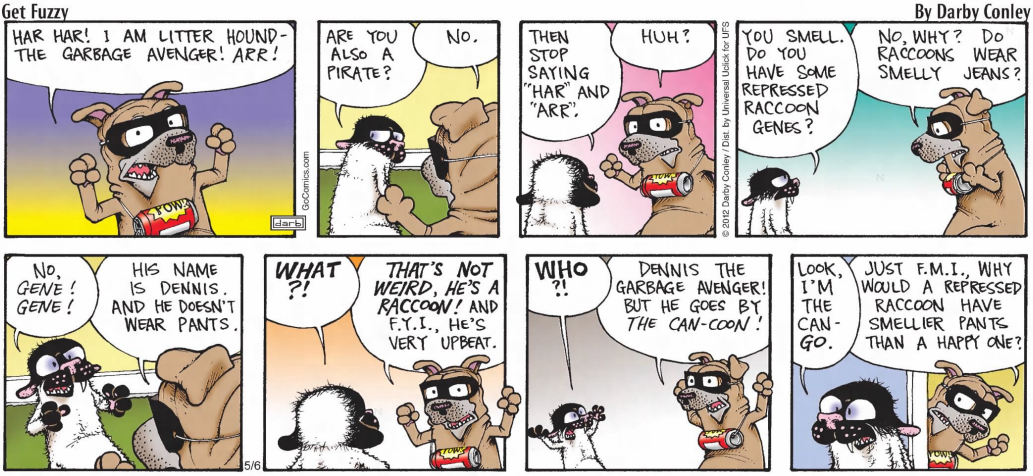
HAR HAR! I AM LITTER HOUND-THE GARBAGE AVENGER! ARR!
ARE YOU ALSO A PIRATE?
NO.
THEN STOP SAYING "HAR" AND "ARR".
HUH?
YOU SMELL. DO YOU HAVE SOME REPRESSED RACCOON GENES?
NO, WHY? DO RACCOONS WEAR SMELLY JEANS?
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NO, GENE! GENE!
HIS NAME IS DENNIS. AND HE DOESN'T WEAR PANTS.
WHAT?!
THAT'S NOT WEIRD, HE'S A RACCOON! AND F.Y.I., HE'S VERY UPBEAT.
WHO?!
DENNIS THE GARBAGE AVENGER! BUT HE GOES BY THE CAN-COON!
LOOK, I'M THE CAN-GO.
JUST F.M.I., WHY WOULD A REPRESSED RACCOON HAVE SMELLIER PANTS THAN A HAPPY ONE?
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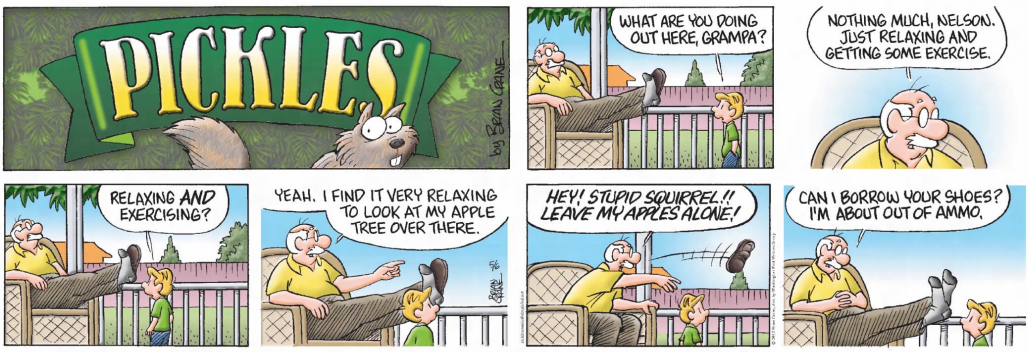
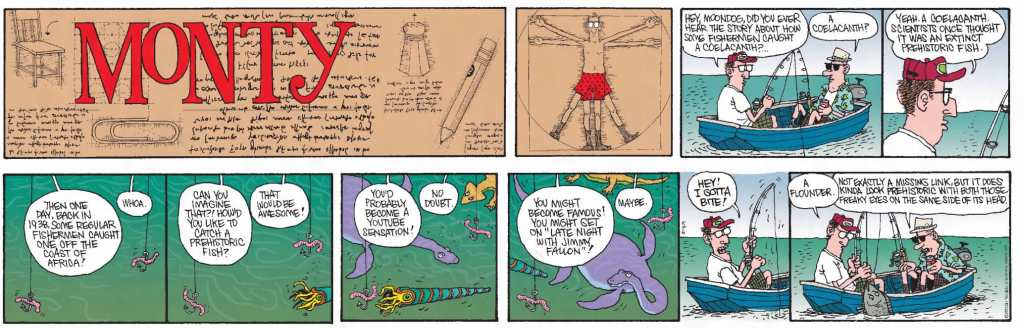

PICKLES
by BRIAN CRANE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE, GRAMPA?
NOTHING MUCH, NELSON. JUST RELAXING AND GETTING SOME EXERCISE.
RELAXING AND EXERCISING?
YEAH. I FIND IT VERY RELAXING TO LOOK AT MY APPLE TREE OVER THERE.
HEY! STUPID SQUIRREL!! LEAVE MY APPLES ALONE!
CAN I BORROW YOUR SHOES? I'M ABOUT OUT OF AMMO.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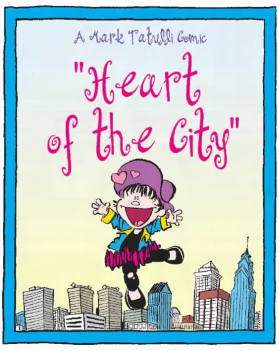
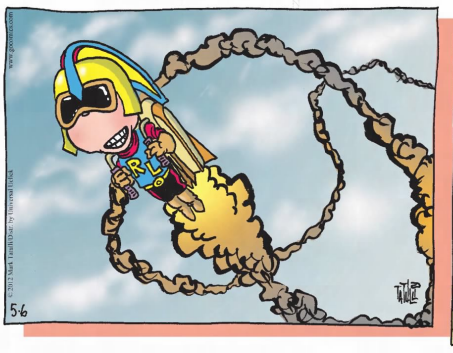
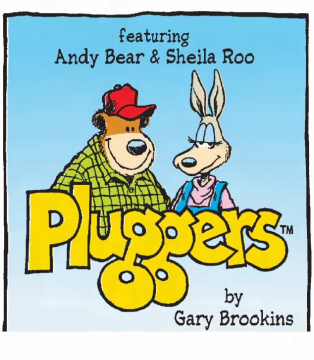
HEY, MOONDOG, DID YOU EVER HEAR THE STORY ABOUT HOW SOME FISHERMEN CAUGHT A COELACANTH?...
A COELACANTH?
YEAH. A COELACANTH! SCIENTISTS ONCE THOUGHT IT WAS AN EXTINCT PREHISTORIC FISH.
THEN ONE DAY, BACK IN 1938, SOME REGULAR FISHERMEN CAUGHT ONE OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA?
WHOA.
CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO CATCH A PREHISTORIC FISH?
THAT WOULD BE AWESOME!
YOU'D PROBABLY BECOME A YOUTUBE SENSATION!
NO DOUBT
YOU MIGHT BECOME FAMOUS! YOU MIGHT GET ON "LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON"!
MAYBE.
HEY! I GOTTA BITE!
A FLOUNDER.
NOT EXACTLY A MISSING LINK, BUT IT DOES KINDA LOOK PREHISTORIC WITH BOTH THOSE EYEBALLS ON THE SAME SIDE OF ITS HEAD.





HEY, WHAT GIVES? I JUST SAW DEAN ON HIS POGO STICK AND HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY "HI."
WHEN "ROCKET LAD" IS ON A MISSION, YOU'LL NEVER GET HIS HEAD OUT OF THE CLOUDS.



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I TIP MY HAT TO THE KEEPER OF THE STARS...
Pluggers don't go "Dancing with the Stars"... they go dancing under them.
Thanks to
Mike Ault
Bicknell, Ind.